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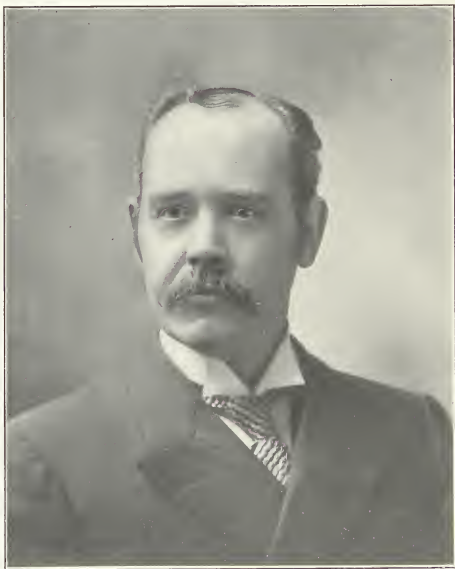


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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND VICINITY — PASSED MAY, 1824.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That Asa Wilcox, Jonathan Goodwin, Augustus Bolles, Joseph B. Gilbert, Robert Francis, Elisha Cushman, Roswell Burrows, Oliver Wilson, John Turney, Jeremiah Brown, Claudius L. Collins, Rufus Babcock, Wm. H. Manning, and Wm. Quiner, and their associates, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the *General Convention of the Baptist Churches of Connecticut and Vicinity*, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession; shall be capable of suing and being sued, plead and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure; and may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars. *Provided* that said income, whatever may be the amount thereof, be annually expended and appropriated to the purposes designated in said petition.

Said Convention may from time to time, elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may make by-laws respecting the number, qualifications, and duties of their officers and members, prescribe the mode of election, and admission of members, the time, place, and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum, and all other by-laws and regulations the said Convention may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said Convention as expressed in their constitution, not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

The first meeting of said Convention shall be holden at the Baptist Meeting House in the city of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex, on the second Wednesday of June, A. D. 1824, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

This act of incorporation, or any part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

RESOLVE IN ALTERATION, PASSED MAY, 1829.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That said corporation be hereafter called and known by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Convention.*"

RESOLVE IN ALTERATION, PASSED JUNE 15, 1899.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That the corporation known by the name of The Connecticut Baptist Convention, duly incorporated by the General Assembly of this state, May session, 1824, may hereafter have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

CONSTITUTION OF CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist Churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist Churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist Churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred and fraction of one hundred resident members, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-nine (39) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The Trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY-LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

I. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A.M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.
3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.

5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday-schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as Committee of Arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On Arrangements for Next Year. (2) On Sunday-Schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission Work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session. The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meeting, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberate assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year; one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in his absence the First Vice-President shall preside, in the absence of President and First Vice-President the Second Vice-President shall preside; and in the absence of all three the Board shall choose a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall be *ex officio* Secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the Board each year, it shall elect from its members an Executive Committee of fifteen (15), including the President, the two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditor. It

shall also appoint a Finance Committee of three. It may appoint other committees if deemed expedient.

4. At a meeting of the Board in October, the Board of Trustees may appoint a Superintendent of Missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the Board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent meeting of the Convention.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the state, and for such terms of service as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the Charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the state, a printed circular, setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year in the months of October, January, April, and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall

keep a careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed, shall be made to the Board through him, and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal advisor, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

RULES TO GOVERN APPROPRIATIONS.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April, and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches

have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, and when they shall have satisfied the Board that their methods of raising funds are systematic, and best adapted for securing the largest possible revenues from their local constituencies.

3. No appropriation shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church, without a pastor, applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee, before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to \$500 or more, the church or society so aided shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to reconvey the property.

5. No appropriation shall be made to a church until its application has been approved by a Missionary Committee representing the association within whose territory the church is located; said committee to be elected by the association, or, in case of failure to elect, appointed by the President.

6. The quarterly appropriations of the Board shall not exceed one-fourth of the reasonably assured regular annual revenue from the churches and individuals and invested funds of the Convention, except upon the basis of definite pledges sufficient to cover the excess. The revenue is to be estimated by the average receipts of the Convention from aforesaid sources, for the three years immediately preceding.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their actions, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

Such of the By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

GENERAL RESOLUTION.

All resolutions, or parts of the same heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound by their obligations to God and their brethren to make annual contribution to its treasury, and none, large or small ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the treasury, and published in the minutes of the Convention.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, lands, houses, or other property,* for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness—both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be—* for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Convention.

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 14, 1902.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was held in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, Hartford, on the above date.

President Carnot O. Spencer called the Convention to order at 10 A. M.

After singing "Love Divine, all Love Excelling," Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., led in prayer.

Rev. Harold Pattison, pastor of the church, welcomed the Convention.

Mr. President and brethren of the Connecticut Baptist Convention:

I am in a strait place as I assume the task of welcoming you. To speak ordinary words that have long ago been worn thread-bare, and rendered trite indeed, were to lay myself open to a suspicion of insincerity; and to speak extraordinary words I have not the power. Were we in the superlative West rather than in the positive East, my part would not be so hard. I would make you welcome in terms that would never be forgotten. We would speak our welcome in adjectives galore, and each one raised to the highest power.

For out in that western country "every street is an avenue, every brook is a river, every house is a mansion, every luncheon is a banquet, every woman is a lady, and every man a liar." Let us then leave all words ordinary and extraordinary alone, and without more ado let us simply and heartily bid you "Welcome to the hearts and homes of your Hartford brethren."

We are glad to see you not only as friends, but because you are "The Connecticut Baptist Convention."

Seventy-nine times have addresses of welcome been made since in the words of our "Act of Incorporation," "The first meeting of said Convention shall be holden at the Baptist Meeting-House in the City

of Middletown, in the County of Middlesex, on the second Wednesday of June, A. D., 1824, at nine o'clock in the forenoon."

As a Convention we work within certain limitations, and in a large measure those limitations have been our security as they are our pride. We are a body without authority. This is true of us in common with other congregational bodies and differing from all other bodies ecclesiastical.

No right have we to command or enforce obedience. The power alone is ours to control and direct by virtue of social, moral and spiritual ascendancy. We would not deny authority in thus exalting influence, and on the other hand let none say of us, "You have no authority, only influence." "Only influence!" In the marriage service the man alone is given authority, "and obey" are the words that are spoken by the woman. The husband has authority, the wife has "only influence," and every married man here knows how that struggle has been settled! If the question be raised there can be but one answer as to which is better, authority or influence. Who envies King or Emperor his authority beside the undying influence of Shakespeare or of Goethe? Authority can exist apart from character and fitness, not so influence. Those who have possessed the greatest authority have wielded their influence with far greater effect. It was Queen Victoria's influence that made the homes of England. It is President Roosevelt's manly example that is being recognized by the manhood of the United States. Without contempt, yet without regret we can afford to forego the trappings and the precedents of Authority so long as we hold fast that without which all Authority is as "salt that has lost its savor," namely, influence.

As Phillips Brooks has said, "No manly man is satisfied with any ex-officio estimate of his character!" The city where Horace Bushnell, her foremost citizen, once preached his sermon on "Unconscious influence"; and which was settled by those who were fugitives from the Authority which a king had abused, is, in a peculiar sense, the place where appropriately can be spoken words of welcome to a body possessing "only influence". We welcome you then, the Connecticut Baptist Convention, as you come to prove your right to be. All that would impair the influence of our gathering is not welcomed. If we come, as we surely do, to make reports that are not merely traditional, to appoint committees that are not merely ornamental, to listen to speakers who have for us some real message of life, to lay plans that shall with sacrifice and fidelity be brought to pass, to cement friendships that shall not be broken, then welcome, thrice welcome to the Connecticut Baptist Convention.

Since last you met with this Mother of nearly all the Baptist Churches of Hartford, fourteen years have passed with their changes. I now speak the name of one who is still remembered in gratitude and loving regard, whose influence is still felt. It is surely most fitting that a tribute be paid by us all to the memory and the life of Adoniram Judson Sage. In these years too, C. O. Spencer, our president, has come

from the church of Essex to this church. We welcome you the more heartily as such welcome in part is honor to him. It is with deep regret that we miss the emphasis that the Rev. Frank Dixon ever placed on words and things, and which he would have accorded to the welcome I have extended to you. He was a man with a Southern birth, a Northern theology, settled in an Eastern church, who has now gone to lecture on the rolling prairies of the West. Geographically a well-rounded man.

And now the words of welcome have been said, bear with our failings, and if you do not see what you want please ask for it. All we have is yours and while that is not much, we shall try to use it in your service while for three days you remain among us. I am reminded of a fellow who was courting a young lady of Jewish extraction and who gave a five dollar gold piece to the girl's young brother to play with. The young brother swallowed it. A doctor was summoned and with his instruments and pump worked his best. But after all had been done they could only get the boy to cough up two dollars and eighty-nine cents. So brethren we have done our best and pray remember that if in any way all is not as it is at home, if you notice that our beds or our breakfasts, our drives or our dinners, our services or our suppers, are not in every detail "the kind that mother used to make", then remember what we offer is not all that which you are wishing, but all that is ours to give. We are glad you have come to us, and in less than another fourteen years we hope to say welcome to you again.

President Spencer replied as follows:

In responding to this address of welcome the President finds himself placed in rather of an anomalous position, being a member of the church extending the welcome and also the presiding officer of the body to whom it is extended.

I had suggested that some other officer of the Convention should make the response but have been overruled and am told that I should be expected to speak in my representative capacity for the Convention, and upon reflection I am not sure that I regret that this pleasant duty has developed upon me, for, I felicitate myself that having been a member of this church for over twenty years and having been cognizant of its boundless hospitality, its generous gifts and contributions to the Convention and its work, I can the more keenly feel what is meant by the welcome now extended. We recognize the fact that from the inception of this Convention to the present time this church has had a prominent part in its counsels and has been its strong supporter.

Of the fourteen names that appear in the Act of Incorporation, three were members of this church. The pastor, Rev. Elisha Cushman, Sr., and Deacons Joseph B. Gilbert and Jeremiah Brown.

This church entertained the delegates to the Convention at its first session in 1823. We are reminded of some former members of this church, now gone to their reward, who were prominent in the Convention's interest. Of that strong man of God, Rev. Robert Turnbull, D.D.,

for twenty-five years pastor of this church who was once president of the Convention, and after resigning his pastorate became its field secretary, faithfully devoting himself to the work, and dying in the harness. How he loved and estimated this work is found in an extract from his last report to the Board in which he said, "domestic missions, simply because their sphere is our home, to which we are bound by the closest, tenderest, ties, ought to be the *first* and pre-eminent in our affections, contributions and efforts." Deacon James G. Bolles, a generous giver and supporter of the Convention was for many years a member of its Board of Trustees and during his lifetime it was his custom to devote the interest of \$10,000 each year to the Convention.

At his decease he left that amount to the trustees, the income from which was to be used for domestic missions.

Rev. Elisha Cushman, Jr., many years a member of this church and editor of the "Christian Secretary," was for twenty-four consecutive years secretary of the Convention and in his official position and editorial work did valiant and substantial service for the Master in supporting the work of the Convention, and in advancing its interests.

Willis S. Bronson, who for twenty-five years was superintendent of your Sunday-school, was for four years the President of the Convention, and during his incumbency of the office, the Sunday-school work was emphasized and marked progress was made in the establishment of new schools and in the strengthening and encouragement of the weak interests.

Rev. A. J. Sage, D.D., of loved memory, recently gone to his rest, for thirteen years pastor of this church, was during this time closely identified with the Convention interests, and was for three years its President.

Memory recalls Brother Joseph Dimmock so long identified with this church, a constituent member of the Convention, and always in attendance at its sessions. Also the quiet, faithful Deacon Chauncey G. Smith, always interested in the cause of domestic missions and auditor of the Convention for several years, and Deacon Gustavus S. Davis, a generous contributor to the mission cause, and to our Education Society.

Of others it would be a pleasure to speak did time permit, but this list would not be complete without reference to our beloved brother now with us, Dea. James L. Howard, who by his generous gifts and wise counsels has endeared himself not only to this church but to Connecticut Baptists and not to these alone but to those engaged in the work of our National denominational societies. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Convention for thirty-two years and was for six years in succession its honored President. "We extend to him personally today our hearty appreciation of all that he has done for the "Connecticut Baptist Convention." May he still be spared to us for further activities, and may his declining years be fraught with many spiritual blessings. In mentioning the names of some of those more prominent in our Convention work we would not be unmindful of the hosts of those who have

gone before, who have so generously and heartily given their aid to this work. Nor of the present membership of this Church who are today taking a deep interest in the advancement of the cause of Christ in our State with their gifts, encouragements and labors.

In behalf of the Convention I accept your hearty welcome. May we be a blessing to you, and you to us.

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In addressing the Convention I do not deem it advisable to review in detail the work of the past year; full report of the Board of Trustees and of the Superintendent of Missions (to which I call your close attention) will enable you to get a glimpse of it as it is passed in retrospection. If our success has not been as great as in some former years, and there appears to be a failure here and there, it is largely due to the lack of sufficient funds with which to prosecute our work, and also to the lack of hearty co-operation of all the churches, so necessary to make it effective.

Our assistance to the German and Swedish interests has in the main been appreciated and some of the churches are gradually reducing their indebtedness through their own self-sacrificing efforts, and are receiving additions to their membership in larger proportion than the English speaking churches.

Our Italian missions have resulted in the organization of one church the past year, but the work is slow among this class of people, and there have been some failures, but there are tokens of success.

The importance of this branch of the work cannot be over estimated. We have the foreign mission field at our doors

The remodeling and enlargement of the church of Winsted was made necessary owing to the growth of the church and Bible-school, and of the increased congregations. Our Brother Rev. F. D. Elmer is doing a good work among this people.

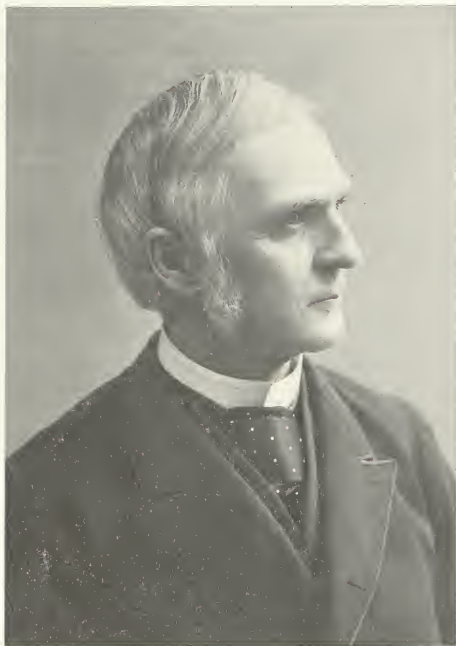
A clause in our Constitution says, "the object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel and the organization and maintenance of Baptist churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut." Are we carrying out this provision of the Constitution? We should "promote the preaching of the Gospel" by entering more fully into the evangelistic work in all parts of our State, engage in the organization of Baptist churches" through our mission efforts, and also in their "maintenance," not only in the sparsely settled parts of our State, but in the more populous cities and villages, where these churches have by our aid been planted. In the "maintenance of" and the establishment of new "Sunday-schools" I desire to see an advance made in the prosecution of this branch of our work, I fear that it has been too much neglected, and that the general cause has suffered from this neglect. The Sunday- or Bible-school is a great adjunct to our mission work, and it often is the precursor of a mission interest and of the formation of a new church. We should again have a missionary in the field, to organize new schools, give aid and encouragement to the older ones and to co-operate with the local churches carrying on mission Bible-

schools and other organizations engaged in furthering the work. I believe that the Bible-schools connected with our churches can maintain such an one with their own gifts, and that with proper effort they can be induced to do so. The time may also come when it will be wise to have some judicious man speaking their own tongue to supervise our Italian missions which are assuming such a prominent place in our Convention work. It is evident that more means and more effective earnest effort is required, yea, demanded, if we would see the cause of Christ advanced, and our State evangelized. Bismark, the great German warrior once said, "The Nation that gives up any territory, instead of grasping at more is already waning." Is not this true in reference to our own mission field? Truly, will it not be a mark of decay, if from lack of effort and funds we are obliged to give up, or to feebly support our missions and feeble churches and have not energy and sufficient means to enter new fields and make new conquests for our Lord and Saviour?

Reports from the recent Conventions of some of our sister New England States show that they are enlarging their operations, and enter upon another year with an enthusiasm and zeal commensurate with their work. The Massachusetts Convention is soon to celebrate its one hundredth anniversary, and it is endeavoring to round out its century with the raising of a "centennial fund" to be used in the building of new churches, by the contribution of one dollar each from the membership of the churches; would that Connecticut might emulate their example, not only in their increased activities and in the raising of a church building fund but in the establishment of a permanent fund, the income of which should be expended in defraying the necessary expenses incident to our work and for its prosecution. Brethren, how these interests magnify when we look over our field! Are we equal to the emergency? Yes, if with consecrated hearts, energetic effort, and generous giving we come up to the measure of our duty.

In my opening address last year I called attention to the importance of the membership of our churches being more fully informed of the work of the Convention, and suggested as a means to this information the publishing of a monthly periodical for distribution among the membership. While this was authorized by the Convention and the Board were instructed to establish such a paper, yet there seemed to be some difficulty in arranging for the editing and publishing of the same, and of determining its exact form and scope.

I can only reiterate what I have before said, "that in the absence of any Baptist State newspaper or journal, the need of some medium for the giving of intelligence to the membership of the churches, seems to be imperative." The press is much used by all other mission organizations and bears its fruit in generous contributions. The importance of our State mission work is second to none, and needs to be more fully understood and recognized in order to secure generous support. We must remember that giving, that is based upon intelligence, is likely to be more largely and cheerfully done, especially when that intelligence



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shows the importance and needs of the cause. Intelligent giving is a need of the times.

We are soon to have a new Superintendent of Missions on the field, who has had experience in another State in our lines of work, and while we shall look to him to superintend and aid in carrying on these interests, yet it is hardly reasonable to expect that one man, however energetic and capable he may be, can successfully act the part of an evangelist, Bible-school missionary, superintendent of mission work, look after the feeble churches and visit and present the Convention's needs to the churches. As he is to be present with us at this session, we shall have the opportunity of hearing him as he speaks to us in a general or specific way of the field, and of the duties he is soon to assume.

I bespeak for him your earnest prayers and hearty support as he enters upon these duties. The Rev. C. A. Piddock, our retiring Superintendent will I am sure receive the thanks and appreciation of the Convention for his eight years of valuable service on this field.

And now, brethren of the Convention, let us have an advance all along the lines of our work the coming year, the successes that have crowned our efforts in the past, encourage us. The needs of the evangelization of our foreign population, of increased efforts in the Bible-school work and among the feeble and young churches and missions and the new fields that should be occupied, impel us to action. We have also now an added impetus in the coming of a new Superintendent of Missions. With his, and the united efforts of the pastors and members of our churches, we cannot but see the cause of our Beloved Lord and Master advanced in this old Commonwealth. May His Holy Spirit guide us in all our deliberations this session.

The President announced the following committees to report at this session:

On Nomination of Officers—Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Hon. J. L. Howard, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., Rev. W. D. McKinney, Rev. J. A. Elder.

On Place and Preacher—Rev. P. C. Wright, Rev. De Witt Van Horn, Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Rev. Henry Clarke.

On Resolutions—Rev. B. U. Hatfield, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. G. H. Ferris, Rev. T. A. T. Hanna, Rev. F. G. McKeever.

On Enrollment—Rev. F. D. Elmer, Rev. E. E. Gates, Rev. H. R. Traver, Rev. S. W. Delzell, Rev. E. M. Stone.

Rev. T. A. T. Hanna read *John 9:7-39*, and Rev. W. G. Thomas led in prayer. After singing "Majestic Sweetness

sits Enthroned," Rev. G. H. Ferris preached the annual sermon from *John 9 : 30*.

[We regret that we can find space only for a very brief portion of this discourse—its beginning and ending.—Sec'y.]

What a strange debate is this! On one side is arrayed the learning and erudition of the schools, the theological subtleties and exegetical niceties of the rabbis, the orthodoxy and inertia of a proud and ancient hierarchy, asserting the falsehood of the claims of a young peasant from Galilee of the Gentiles. On the other side is an illiterate and unknown man, unable to comprehend the refined arguments of his opponents, starting from a premise of pure experience, to which the intricacies of their speculations seem like a foreign tongue, who refuses to be reasoned out of his belief in a fact, and expresses surprise that learned men should be so ignorant of One who has accomplished such wonderful things.

"We reject this pretender," they say, "because he does not fulfill in the least the Messianic promises found in the records; because we cannot believe that a carpenter, from a despised hill-town of the north, can be the incarnation of the greatness of Israel; and because all his interpretations of the prophecies differ so radically from the exegesis of the wise men of the schools." "I know not about your books, and your exegesis, and your speculative reasoning," is the answer. "All I know is this, that once the great beautiful world of flowers and meadows,—the golden glory of the clouds of evening, the rugged grandeur of the hills about Jerusalem, the marble splendors of the temple of my people, the tender glances of loved-ones and friends,—were all shut out from my sunless soul. Then I met this man, and a new world, in all its loveliness and beauty, was suddenly made mine, and from groping helplessly in the darkness my soul began to drink in the light of heaven."

So they argue, utterly unable to understand each other, because one starts with a theory, and the other with an experience; one trusts in a religion of speculation, and the other in a religion of fact; one would crowd the kingdom of heaven into the mould of a theological system, and the other would allow it a divine flexibility, that follows instead of forcing it; one had gone anxiously through the ancient manuscripts to outline a program for the Almighty, and the other had meantime found him walking along the common paths of life; one cried out from the darkness of speculation, "As for this man Jesus, I know not whence he is," and the other could only answer in amazement, "Why! herein is a marvelous thing, that ye know not whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes."

But perhaps someone says, "I do not believe that Christ did open his eyes. Science has so firmly established the fact of the uniformity of nature that it has become impossible for me to believe any longer in the childish tales of wonder contained in the Bible. The historical Christ has become a myth to me." I have no argument with you in regard to

miracles, my friend. I only answer in the words of the blind man. "Why, herein is a marvelous thing, that ye know not whence He is, and yet He has done so much for the world." Into His character, as into a mirror, all classes and conditions of men have looked, to see the reflection of that which is best and purest, and the radiance of Jesus began to strengthen the voice of love, and deepen the shadows of sin. Behold the mercenary Publican, who before has possessed no standard of righteousness but the limits of Roman law, crying out for mercy, and promising restoration! Behold the sceptic from the groves of Greece, turning from his light-hearted banter, to become so passionate a believer that he falls at last a martyr to his faith! Behold the voluptuous ruler, the oppressor of some distant province, never before aroused from his revels, startled by the sight of an ideal presence standing near, and entreating to be told of a better life. Whole cities and nations, awakened as from a feverish dream, fall prostrate and penitent before him crying out in conscious guilt, "Depart from us, for we are sinful men, O Lord!"

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What a company might stand up before us here this morning! Behold yonder throng of poor black creatures, from whose limbs the clanking chains of slavery have just dropped away, crowding up to the bar of the ages, to own their love for Him to whom they prayed for freedom in the hour of misery and despair! See that mighty multitude of pure and happy souls, whom the world once shunned as the victims of appetite and passion, and branded with the name of "drunkard" and "harlot," but who found a Redeemer at last, who was not ashamed to be called "the friend of sinners!" Look at that vast army, whose ranks no man can number, rising up out of lands darkened by the shadows of superstition and idolatry, to march under the banner and sing the praises of Him in whose name they were brought the blessings of light and truth! See the mighty throngs crowding out of hospitals and infirmaries, leaving disease and deformity behind, and the merry groups of little ones, and the bands of bent and tottering aged, coming from the orphanage and the retreat, to join the incalculable myriads who stand before us and cry, "Why, herein is a marvelous thing, that ye know not whence He is, and yet He hath done all this for the world."

Can it be that gifts so substantial are born of a dream? That achievements so tangible are the mere shadows of a mist? Convince me that the story is a forgery and a fable! Prove that the whole tale of the gospel was invented by the strange hallucinations of a Palestinian genius, and that not one line of His life is the record of a historical fact! Demonstrate beyond the possibility of contradiction, that the character of Christ, with His battle in the wilderness, His quiet prayers in the mountains, His matchless message by the sea, His resolute courage in Jerusalem, His thorn-crown and His bleeding brow, was only a shadow-shape, a transcendent vision, a cry of the heart, that never had any foothold on the highway of time, and I will cling to him still, and say, "Though it be but a dream now, I cannot believe that God sent us that dream just

to mock us and tantalize us, and I shall see Him by and by, somewhere, out among the stars."

Rev. G. W. Ferris led in prayer. Singing, "Jesus, Thy Name I Love."

Rev. P. S. Evans read the report of the Board, and Rev. C. A. Piddock read the report of his labors as Superintendent of Missions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Connecticut Baptist Convention:

BELOVED BRETHREN: The first meeting of this body was held with this church in 1823, since which it has met in Hartford, not always with this particular church, fifteen times. Eleven years ago the last surviving member of this body, our beloved Brother Dimock of this church, passed away. Yet there are many living among us who were children then; for it is only 79 years since this society was organized "to promote the preaching of the Gospel and the organization and maintenance of Baptist churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut." The earliest available minutes of the Convention are those of the year 1830. This meeting was held in the Spring Hill Church. The moderator of the meeting was Dr. Rufus Babcock, then pastor of the North Colebrook Church, which today numbers seven resident members. There were then 65 churches in the State, 30 of whom were represented by delegates. Seventeen of the 65 churches have disappeared from our records. The first return of members is for 1831, when there were 8,296 reported, and the offerings for the work of the Convention amounted to \$543. But 694 baptisms were reported for that year from these 65 churches, nearly or quite as many as will be reported this year from our 142 churches, with their 25,000 members, and their expenditure for all purposes of not less than \$265,000. In the 78 years of your history there have been 42,000 baptisms, and \$245,000 have been contributed by the churches for the prosecution of your work. Amid all the changes and vicissitudes through which you have passed you can look back upon the past with gratitude and towards the future with hope.

Since your last annual meeting two of the most prominent members of the Board have been removed by death. In a later part of this report mention will be made of the late Hon. J. W. Manning. The very sudden death of Rev. F. J. Parry, Jr., received no official notice from your Board. Doubtless your committee on obituaries will prepare a suitable minute, but we desire to record our high estimation of the former pastor in Waterbury and our sense of loss in his removal from our councils. He was a man of fine scholarship and of unusual ability as a preacher and a lecturer. He was accomplishing a great work in the city and the entire

community mourns his loss. He was a trusted member of the executive committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. His engagements there perhaps precluded his taking as active an interest as he otherwise would have done in the business of this Board, yet it was a strength to us to know that he was available if called on and we are the weaker for his removal. We sympathize with the church in its deep sorrow; but we trust the Master has been preparing a fit successor.

Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., so long connected with the Board, and one of its most indefatigable workers and truest supporters, has left the State. He, too, will be greatly missed in the councils of the Board. So, and perhaps even more—because he was nearer to the center of our work and more frequently called on for special service—we shall miss the Rev. Frank Dixon, late of the South Church. These four removals leave a large vacancy which only large-hearted and large-minded men can fill. That the Lord has such men in store for our churches we do not doubt.

Your Board and its executive committee have to the extent of their ability, with the limited means at their disposal, discharged the trusts committed to them. This service, brethren of the Convention, it is justifiable that the secretary remind you, is rendered at a great cost of time and money. The constitution requires that one-third at least of the Board shall be chosen from among the lay members of our churches. It will be found, on examination, that just one-half of the trustees serving this year are laymen. The full Board, consisting of forty-four members, contains twenty-three laymen, more than half. It has been a source of regret, and of weakness, that so few of these brethren have been present at the Board meetings and so the absent ones have failed to know the needs of our work. It is to the influential members of our churches that we must look for financial support. We mention this in order that, if possible, a spirit may be awakened that will induce our lay brethren to give their time to the business of the Convention. Surely the Lord's business is deserving the attention of the busiest of our business men. The faculty of doing things, of bringing things to pass that characterizes the successful business man, is needed in our work.

DOINGS OF THE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the first meeting of the present Board, held in New Britain, Oct. 16, the Board appointed the executive committee as it appears in the Annual. They also reappointed the Rev. C. A. Piddock as superintendent of missions for the year. The Board also authorized the transfer to the Salem and Scott Hill churches of the Lyon Fund that had been in the keeping of the treasurer. This was done on account of a direction to this effect in the will of Mr. Lyon. All pending business was referred to the executive committee.

The executive committee met in the Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven, Nov. 4, 1 p. m. Twelve members were present out of fifteen.

It was voted that the appropriations be kept within the limit of \$900 a quarter. Appropriations were made to four missionaries to the amount of \$341 and to the pastors of eighteen churches to the amount of \$507.75, aggregating \$848.75.

The executive committee met again in Hartford, January 6, 1902. There were eight members in attendance. A vote was passed authorizing, at the discretion of a special committee, the expenditure of \$250 in moving the chapel in Bantam to a more suitable location. This matter is still in abeyance. By vote the treasurer was authorized to subscribe, in behalf of the Convention, \$1,000 towards building a chapel for the Italians in New Haven on the following conditions, viz.: That \$3,500 be secured from other sources, and, further, that the deed of the property be in the name, either of the Convention or of the New Haven Baptist Union. To complete the statement on this matter it should be said, that, at the Board meeting in April, it was voted that the subscription should be authorized on the payment of \$2,500 from other sources. At the present time the conditions have not been fully met and the transaction is incomplete. At this meeting the matter of the publication of a monthly paper or magazine in the interests of the Convention, which had been directed at the last Convention, was fully discussed. A committee was appointed to further consider the matter and report to the Board in April. Appropriations were voted to the four missionaries and the six foreign churches amounting to \$538.75, and to eleven American churches to the amount of \$292.50, which, including \$50 due on arrears, made a total of \$881.25 for the quarter.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board was held in New Haven, April 11, 1902. There were seventeen present, of whom five were laymen. It was voted to retransfer to the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Bridgeport the property which they had previously deeded to the Convention. The matter of a publication was reported on by the special committee, and after full discussion the superintendent was authorized to issue a monthly magazine. As this vote was not mandatory and the superintendent, in view of his soon surrendering his office, thought the step unadvisable, such a magazine has not yet been issued.

At this meeting the condition of the Winsted Church was fully discussed. It having been made evident that enlarged accommodations were needed for their growing work and that the church could not, at present, bear the entire expense, and that the property was in the possession of the Convention, it was voted that a committee of three, the president being one, should look into the matter, and if, in their judgment, a satisfactory enlargement could be made, that the treasurer, at the request of the committee, should be authorized to raise a loan by mortgage on the property for \$3,000, provided that the church assume all other payments for construction and furnishing. At a meeting of the executive committee in July this vote was modified to allow the raising of \$3,500. The work of enlargement has been entered upon. The whole cost of construction and furnishing will be \$7,000, of which the church

will furnish \$3,500. The work is satisfactory to the committee of the Board.

At this meeting Rev. C. A. Piddock, who has so efficiently performed the duties of his responsible office, offered his resignation to take effect September 1. The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation and appointed a committee of seven, including the president, and a representative of each association, to select a successor and report to the executive committee in July. Appropriations were made to ten foreign missionaries and pastors to the amount of \$557.50 and to eleven American churches to the amount of \$292.50.

A special meeting of the executive committee was called by the president, which met in Hartford, May 26th. The special object of this meeting was to consider the interests of the Italian work in general and with special reference to the condition of the work in Bridgeport, which had been jeopardized by Mr. Ceretta's betrayal of the trust reposed in him by the Board. The whole of the Italian work was fully reviewed. Action was taken looking to the employment of a competent man to superintend this branch of our work. Later developments have shown that the time is not fully ripe for such a step, and, after the employment of a temporary missionary for two months, the Italian work in Bridgeport has been discontinued for a time. The report of the superintendent on this subject makes further mention of it here unnecessary.

The July meeting of the executive committee was held at Ansonia, July 14th. Seven members of the committee were present. A partial report was made by the committee appointed to secure a superintendent of missions, but as the attendance was so small action was not asked upon the report. Appropriations were made of \$487.50 for foreign work and \$367.50 for American churches.

A special meeting of the Board was called by the president to meet in Bristol, September 16, to hear and act upon the report of the special committee of seven. There were present seventeen members. President Spencer reported for the committee, "that after careful inquiry and consultation among the members, and correspondence with many, the committee recommended the appointment of Rev. Frank H. Divine." Mr. Divine had been approached and consented to serve if elected to the position. Two or three of the Board were personally acquainted with Mr. Divine, and after discussion it was voted to accept the report of the committee. The Board then proceeded to ballot for a superintendent, and every ballot was cast for the appointee of the committee. The secretary was ordered to notify Mr. Divine of the appointment, and has received an acceptance of the office, to begin his labors on November 1. It is hoped that Brother Divine will be present at your meeting, and that the action of your Board will be heartily approved of as you come to know the new superintendent.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Board a special committee of three was appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the death of Hon.

James W. Manning, to be spread upon the records of the Board. The committee has reported as follows:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

With reference to the death of Deacon James W. Manning, presented to the Board of the Baptist State Convention:

Whereas, This Board is deeply conscious of the great loss it has sustained in the death of one of its most venerable and honored members, Deacon James W. Manning of Putnam, therefore

Resolved, That we cause to be placed upon the records of the Board for future memorial, our estimate of his character and usefulness.

Deacon Manning had earned the good will and high esteem in which he was held by his own church and community, and beyond in the larger sphere of the civil life of his state, by a long career of honest and upright dealing and uniform kindness of spirit. His temperament was calm and judicial, added to which were mental capacities which gave him such poise and judgment as to render him one of the wisest of counsellors.

His connection with this Board is of long standing. The value of his presence and advice in critical periods through which it has passed, it would be difficult justly to appraise.

He will be sadly missed at our annual and other gatherings. Rarely has there been among us a removal which could more fitly justify the Psalmist's prayer, "Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fall from among the children of men."

A recent summary of his life work says: "The earthly life of this good man ended March 14th, a few days after his eightieth birthday. For more than forty years he was town clerk of Putnam. He several times represented that town in the Legislature and at one time was state comptroller. The universal respect in which he was held in his own town was shown by the closing of all stores, including saloons, during the funeral exercises at his home, which were largely attended. Memorial services were subsequently held in the Baptist church, in which the deceased was the senior deacon, and numerous bodies of which he was a member passed resolutions of respect for his memory."

The Convention Board extend to the bereaved family their sympathy in the shadow which has fallen upon their home, and request the clerk to forward to them a copy of this memorial record.

GEORGE M. STONE,
H. M. WOLF, Jr.,
C. A. PIDDOCK,
Committee.

GENERAL OUTLOOK.

Brethren of the Convention, the report prepared by the retiring superintendent, and herewith submitted, will give you a full account of

the condition of the missions and churches aided by you. It only remains to call your attention to the general state of affairs throughout our Baptist ranks in the Commonwealth. There have been four new churches organized. The Italian Baptist Church in Stamford is one of these. Although this interest has not yet passed beyond the stage of a mission, it was thought best to organize it into an independent church, that the people might be educated to self-government and self-support. They are in possession of a comfortable house of worship, the title to which rests in a board of trustees composed partly of their own people and partly of members of the First Church. Another church is in the town of Naugatuck and has grown out of a mission started three or four years ago by Rev. T. Carson Hanna. There is a membership of twenty-one, Rev. C. E. Tullar is the stated supply. A wide and effectual door is open before this young church, if the church is prepared to enter it with "zeal that is according to knowledge." The success of more than one young and promising church has been greatly delayed by unhappy dissensions. We commend this church to your prayers. It probably will need financial support, as well as the counsel and guidance of the superintendent. It is one of the first fields to which his attention should be called. There have also been two new churches organized by our colored brethren; the Pilgrim Church, Stratford, Rev. Mr. Martin pastor, and the Grace Church, Waterbury, Rev. I. W. Reed pastor.

In regard to church building entered upon this last year we mention the enlargement of the Winsted chapel and the improvement in the edifice of the First New London. The East Washington Avenue Church, now to be known as Second Bridgeport, has, under the inspiration of the new pastor, Rev. E. E. Loux, sold the old building close to the railroad tracks and is erecting a large and handsome house of worship in a most desirable location. We understand that the cost of the enterprise is almost provided for already. All who know the great disadvantages of the old site will heartily congratulate the church and its pastor. The prospect of the Danbury church being speedily released from the burden of the debt under which they have been so heroically laboring, will bring gladness to the hearts of all Connecticut Baptists. We wish to express our gratitude, as a Board, to those brethren of other churches who have generously contributed to the liquidation of this debt. We are glad also that Rev. C. A. Piddock, the superintendent of missions, has been able to do so much in the furtherance of this work. It has been in the legitimate line of his official duties. The Hope Baptist Church of New Haven has been reunited to the mother church, the historic First, and measures are in progress for the erection of a large and commodious building in the north part of the city. The Immanuel Church, of New Haven, A. Clayton Powell pastor, is just completing an enlargement of their house of worship. The pastor says "the building will be a monument to the Baptists." This is the largest and most successful church among our colored brethren. The First Bridgeport is engaged in building a chapel in the northwestern part of the city, at a cost

of \$10,000, which they hope to finish this winter. We had hoped for a large ingathering into our churches this year, but the returns, though incomplete, do not indicate any considerable gain over last year, which was one of the most barren years for three decades. The secretary has gathered statistics from 108 churches, leaving thirty to be heard from. These 108 report 631 baptisms, only eighty-one report any baptisms and only fifty-six report any gain in numbers. Complete returns show 741 baptisms, but a gain in membership of only 121. Such a state of things calls loudly for greater consecration on the part of us all and for an enlargement and strengthening of the work of the Convention among our native churches as well as among the countless thousands of the foreign-born who are pouring into our State. In pressing this upon your attention we should only repeat what has been said often before. May we not indulge the hope that the coming year will be marked by a large increase of the contributions of our churches, to establish the work already begun and to begin new work in promising fields? The harvest awaits the gathering. Let us double our diligence and double our offerings.

Adopted by the Board, Hartford, Oct. 14th.

PHILIP S. EVANS, *Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES.

Missionaries.	Field of Labor.	Weeks Employed.	Baptized.	Sermons.	Other Addresses.	Pastoral Visits.	Bibles and Testaments.	Pages of Tracts.	* Paid by Convention.	† From other Sources.
P. R. DeCarlo.	Stamford.....	52	4	236	71	647	30	381	\$403 33	463 33
C. Ceretta....	Bridgeport....	26	15	27	36	923	15	750	*315 00	.....
M. Mazzuca...	New Haven...	52	4	103	145	2,394	303	5,840	360 00	360 00
A. Roca.....	Hartford.....	52	..	156	..	1,000	85	2,000	†300 00	300 00
T. Tetrault....	Putnam	52	1	126	2	1,423	10	12,350	300 00	300 00
		4½ yrs.	24	648	254	15,387	443	21,290	\$1,678 33	

* Mr. Ceretta's salary partly paid by Publication Society.

† Paid by Hartford Baptist Union.

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SUMMARY OF REPORTS FROM AIDED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Weeks of Service.	Baptized.	Added by Letter, Etc.	Number of Members.	Sermons Preached.	Pastoral Visits.	For Home Expenses.	BENEVOLENCE.					Paid by Con-tribution.
									State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Be- lieve-Total.	
Bridgeport, German,	H. L. Dietz,	52	1	1	55	115	475	\$473 47	\$17 10	\$21 00	\$22 85	\$63 95	\$123 95	\$200 00*
New Haven, Swede,	Emil Friberg,	52	6	6	85	149	224	547 00	5 00	29 00	.....	51 00	85 00	100 00*
Meriden, "	W. Kohler,	52	7	3	105	179	280	800 06	12 25	10 64	10 03	87 53	120 45	120 00*
Hartford, "	J. Friberg,	52	4	17	97	200	298	1,310 41	35 00	38 00	.....	109 84	182 84	150 00*
New Britain, "	J. E. Klinborg,	52	11	7	119	191	975	1,001 90	17 12	25 73	22 03	18 11	82 99	120 00*
Waterbury,	N. M. Morten,	38	4	4	45	152	4	747 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00*
colored,	J. W. Reed,	13	..	1	83	23	50	225 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50
Shelton,	A. A. Ickana,	52	..	3	85	102	454	884 90	.....	45 00	10 00	3 00	58 00	100 00
White Hills,	A. A. Ickana,	52	..	3	85	102	454	884 90	.....	45 00	10 00	3 00	58 00	100 00
Daubury colored,	T. Garnett,	26	2	9	24	37	120	290 25	21 00	14 72	3 00	1 00	17 53	35 00
Cheshire,	G. H. Gardner, †	26	1	1	24	26	..	85 50	2 25	.....	.....	.....	2 25	52 00
Wethersfield,	W. P. Eldon,	39	..	1	48	69	205	639 32	5 00	5 00	10 00	.....	23 00	45 00
West Hartford,	H. A. Traver,	52	..	6	44	50	150	410 39	5 00	15 00	10 00	53 86	83 86	200 00
Bloomfield,	A. B. Todd,	13	..	6	50	26	40	111 75	6 05	.....	.....	.....	6 05	25 00
Tariffville,	H. A. Price,	52	..	..	57	90	485	660 26	15 00	5 00	.....	7 00	27 00	150 00
New Hartford, 2 churches,	J. W. Higgins,	26	..	..	..	32	43	199 00	2 50	6 00	.....	.....	6 29	50 00
Bantam, 3 churches,	C. H. Sweet,	13	..	127	55	94	297	249 00	10 55	9 75	5 12	.....	21 07	80 00
Colebrook, 2 churches,	J. C. Gavin,	52	..	..	55	94	297	249 00	5 57	9 75	7 96	.....	22 88	80 00
Eastford, 2 churches,	D. M. Chamberlain,	52	3	2	55	26	174	86 00	18 00	5 63	4 37	9 87	29 07	80 00
Sterling,	D. M. Chamberlain,	52	3	2	55	26	174	86 00	18 00	5 63	4 37	9 87	29 07	80 00
Woodstock,	F. W. Darracott,	52	4	3	88	81	95	357 12	10 00	10 00	4 50	5 00	28 50	140 00
Poquonnock,	F. H. Cooper,	52	..	..	119	69	276	501 76	8 00	8 65	11 50	10 22	46 37	60 00
Old Lyme,	J. R. Very,	52	6	..	99	139	400	665 79	8 00	2 00	2 00	7 00	19 00	75 00
28 Churches,	23 Pastors,	18.83	51	67	1,535	1,975	5,213	\$9,730 98	\$205 39	\$134 98	\$126 96	\$446 64	\$1,082 32	\$2,064 50

* These churches receive an equal amount from Home Mission Society.

† The pastor at Plantsville is serving this church also.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

I would render to the Board my annual report. As I have furnished full quarterly reports to the Board, it will only be necessary to give an outline of the general condition of the work. The year has not been greatly different from former years, though there have been changes both in our ministry and missions, which will doubtless be noted by the Secretary. I have endeavored to perform the duties of my office with fidelity ; have preached, I believe, in all the missions so far as it seemed desirable, in order to acquaint myself with their needs, and have taken general charge of the work among the foreign population. A great problem confronts us in this state, as in other states, as to how far we shall devote our money to the great purpose of leading the thousands of foreigners in our midst to the gospel. As to our duty as Christians in this matter, there can be no question ; but we have also to remember that as God's stewards we must make the best use of the funds at our disposal, and, while the need of evangelizing the foreign population is great, it is a question as to whether the preaching of the gospel in rural communities, and establishing churches where they are needed in growing villages, is not even greater. The percentage of foreign people is growing steadily larger, and during the seventy-nine years of the history of this Convention, we have never been called upon to give so freely of our means for this specific purpose as at the present time. Indeed, twenty-five years ago the question of evangelizing foreigners had not begun to assume great importance. It certainly is one of the burning questions of the hour, and demands the thought, patience and consecration needed in all work of this kind. We must admit that the Divine blessing has rested upon our efforts, far exceeding the expectations of the most sanguine, and the percentage of baptisms in proportion to the total membership of our foreign churches is much greater than that of the American speaking congregations.

Of the history of the Convention in the accomplishment of its great purpose, I need not here specifically speak. Some of the strongest churches in our state, such churches as Willimantic, Waterbury, New Britain, Ansonia, First New Haven, and others have been the children of the Convention, and owe the beginning of their prosperity to its nurturing care. In these recent days, Danielson, East Washington Avenue, Bridgeport, now the Second Church of Bridgeport, Rockville, Winsted and Torrington have enjoyed the advantages of our assistance, not only in supporting their ministry, but in erecting comfortable church buildings. Our missions among the foreigners have steadily increased, and we are glad to say that these foreign churches promise self-support within a reasonable time. We ought to have strong churches at Naugatuck and Thompsonville. The Sunday-school interests of our denomination have, it seems to me, not received a sufficient part of our attention, and the planting of Sunday-schools, which is a part of the mission of the Convention, should be done whenever the opportunity opens. Furthermore, we must not

neglect the country churches. It is a fact that from these churches come a large part of our ministers. The city churches are no longer sending men, either as ministers or missionaries, except in rare instances, and the needs of the country churches were probably never so great as today. Notwithstanding the depleted numbers in these communities, crime has been on the increase, and the need of active Christian work in the out-of-the-way places of Connecticut was, I presume, never so great as it is now.

It must also be confessed that our contributions to State missions are small indeed, in proportion to the demands made upon us. We give a listening ear to all appeals for outside mission work, as these appeals come to us in many and varied forms, but the one appeal for State missions often receives scant attention. The Convention should have a larger place and larger life in our churches in order that it may accomplish the great work of home evangelization. At this beginning of the twentieth century, we need to carefully consider the relative merits of the appeals that come to us, and give more to the cause of our own field. It is a fact that some pastors set a very low standard for State missions, in comparison with other missionary appeals. Far be it from me to belittle any missionary appeal in this day of the world. I am interested in every form of missionary enterprise, but it seems to me that there should be a re-adjustment of the standards by which we are accustomed to sustain our missionary work. With these general remarks I pass now to the consideration of the field. Beginning at the northeast corner of the State, where is located the

ASHFORD ASSOCIATION,

the smallest of all our six Associations.

This Association has a membership of less than 2,000. The fields aided here at various times for many years, have been the Eastford and Westford churches and the South Woodstock church. Rev. George L. Chamberlain is the pastor of the Eastford and Westford churches, and Rev. D. Cooksley of the South Woodstock church. Brother Chamberlain began his work in June last, and has made an excellent impression, doing the work of an evangelist and baptizing converts. The church edifice at South Woodstock was nearly wrecked by an explosion of acetylene gas, but the brethren, under the leadership of their pastor, are now engaged in the work of restoring it. A good work has been done on this field in recent years. In this connection I desire to mention the death of my friend of many years, Hon. J. W. Manning of Putnam. He was easily the leading man of that city and the best known man in his vicinity. The loss to the church in Putnam is great, and we shall miss him in our councils where he has so long served with ability. Personally I feel his departure a great loss. Rev. T. Tetrault continues in charge of our French Missions at Putnam and North Grosvenordale.

THE STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION

in the southeastern part of our State, has only two churches at present that are aided by the Convention. The first is the church at Poquonock Bridge, where Rev. F. H. Cooper is the pastor. This field in the near future promises to be self-supporting, as the population in the vicinity is on the increase. The Sterling church nearly a year ago called Rev. Earl Darrow to the pastorate, and he was ordained December 18th. His ministry promises well. This is one of our rural fields and is the only church in the vicinity, as is the case at Poquonock Bridge.

In the

NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION

the church at Lyme, and for a portion of the year, the Scott Hill church, have been aided by the Convention. There does not seem to be any immediate prospect of a change in either of these fields. The Scott Hill church is the only one for several miles from its location, and the community is of a such a character that it is highly desirable, if possible, to sustain preaching here. Rev. J. R. Very has continued his labors as pastor of the Lyme church and has done a good work.

In the

NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION

we have several foreign missions and churches. Among the Swedes in New Haven there has been increased hopefulness during the year, and the same is true of the church in Meriden, where Pastor Kohler has labored with great fidelity. The Italian mission in New Haven, under the leadership of Rev. Marco Mazzuca, has had, I judge, a successful year. The Cheshire church has been supplied during a large part of the year by Rev. G. H. Gardner of Plantsville. Rev. T. A. T. Hanna has continued his faithful labors at Shelton. The German mission in Waterbury, since the resignation of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Schlipf, has continued meetings under the leadership of Brother Schmidtheisler of Seymour. The Swedish interests in that city have not been as successful as formerly, but under the leadership of Brother Lindstrom, it promises to recover its former activity. I may here mention the sudden death of Dr. F. J. Parry, so well known as the pastor of the First Church, Waterbury. His labors in that city have left an impression that it will take a long time to efface. He was universally beloved, not only in his own church, but by the entire people. The bereaved church, as well as his family, will have our sympathy. We are no longer aiding the Howard Avenue Church at New Haven, as it has accomplished a great work during the past two or three years, not only paying a debt of \$4,000, but also in self-support. Rev. George B. Cutten has been eminently successful on this field.

THE HARTFORD ASSOCIATION

has by far the largest number of churches and missions aided by the Convention. Beginning with our American churches, the old church in Wethersfield, whose history dates back to the time of the Revolution, first claims our attention. Rev. W. P. Elsdon has been pastor of this church for the past year, but has now resigned. The church in Bloomfield, where Rev. A. B. Todd labors, has felt the necessity of appealing to the Convention for help. The West Hartford church has had the services of Rev. H. R. Traver during the year, and has just about maintained itself, with the aid of the Convention. There has been no special change in Tariffville, where Rev. H. A. Price has been the successful pastor. Rev. J. C. Gavin has continued to preach at North and South Colebrook. These fields, as is well known, have many elements of discouragement which I need not here repeat. The same is true of the old churches at Bantam, East Corwall and Cornwall Hollow. These fields need a consecrated self-denying and devoted minister, and it is hoped that soon such an one may be secured for them. Although the Winsted church is not aided by the Convention, yet from its beginning it was the recipient of aid, and we are greatly interested in its success. A year ago last June, Rev. Franklin D. Elmer, was called to the pastorate, and his coming has been the signal for a general advance along all the lines of Christian effort. The church edifice has been greatly improved, and the Sunday-school and congregations have steadily grown. This church bids fair to be a very strong body in the future. The Swedes in Hartford and New Britain still continue to deserve and need our aid. They are struggling with heavy debts which they are gradually reducing, and when these debts are paid, they will have their fine church edifices and be self-supporting. Missionary Roca, who has labored among the Italians in Hartford, has commended himself to the confidence and esteem of the brethren and his mission is making a slow but constant growth.

In the

FAIRFIELD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

the German church of Bridgeport has been aided during the year, and we are glad to say that the labors of pastor Dietz have been blessed during the year, and the outlook for this church seems somewhat more hopeful than formerly. The Italian mission in Bridgeport, which was started a year ago last May, suffered a serious defection when, on April 28th, without any previous warning or notice, the missionary, Mr. C. Cerretta, left the Baptists and connected himself with another denomination. It is not necessary here to rehearse the case. Mr. Cerretta, according to the best information we can obtain, was for some time in correspondence with officers of the Congregational State Mission Society and deliberately, in our judgment, betrayed our interests. Of course, we recognize that he had a perfect right to change his denominational

associations, if his convictions were changed, but he had no right whatever to set up a rival mission in the same city, for the purpose of destroying our own mission, and his whole conduct in the matter is directly contrary to the spirit of Christian comity. Pastor DeCarlo has continued to conduct the Italian work in Stamford, and in May last the mission was recognized by council as a regular Italian Baptist church. The church at White Hills, Rev. A. A. Bickford, pastor, has received aid from the Convention. It is a small field but if well tilled would produce good results. It has been known for years that the Second church of Danbury has been struggling under a heavy debt, which has crippled its effectiveness. The pastor, Dr. Hubbard, and his people, have struggled nobly with this indebtedness, and I am happy to say that the prospects for its complete removal are excellent. This church has probably the finest Baptist edifice in Connecticut, and when once free from debt, it will be able, with the blessing of God, to do a great work in Danbury. Friends from outside of the church have been much interested in the raising of this debt, and I have assisted in the matter as far as I was able. It is a matter of congratulation that this work is practically accomplished.

The need for increased interest in all branches of our missionary enterprise cannot be too strongly emphasized at this time. I have for twenty-one years, in fact ever since I came to Connecticut, been interested in and connected with the work of the State Convention. I came to Middletown in 1880, a young man 31 years of age, and during my entire pastorate there and the eight years I have been Superintendent of Missions, and the nearly nine years I was editor of the "Christian Secretary," have endeavored to actively identify myself with all branches of Christian effort in Connecticut. Last April I resigned the position of Superintendent of Missions, and requested that a committee be appointed to secure my successor; that committee has recommended and the board has elected Rev. Frank H. Divine of Watervliet, New York, as my successor, and I bespeak for him the same cordial support and sympathy that have been so generously accorded me during all these years. I assure my brethren that in all the coming years, and whatever may be my work or business, I shall hope to retain an increasing interest in the welfare and prosperity of our Zion. The work is permanent, while the workers may change. Brother Divine comes to us with an excellent record, and should command the confidence and support of all our people. His work as superintendent will begin November 1st.

Permit me once more to thank pastors and the brethren who have so cordially entertained me during my work, not for my sake only but for the sake of the Master whose we are, and whom we try to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. PIDDOCK.

Mr. Wm. F. Walker, the treasurer, presented a summary of his report.

Voted, That the report of the Board of Trustees be accepted, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

Voted, That the report of the Superintendent of Missions be accepted, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., as chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following names for officers for the ensuing year:

For President, Carnot O. Spencer, Hartford.

For First Vice-President, C. A. Piddock, Hartford.

For Second Vice-President, Pierce N. Welch, New Haven.

For Secretary, P. S. Evans, Torrington.

For Treasurer, W. F. Walker, New Britain.

For Auditor, Alfred Spencer, Jr., Hartford.

An offering was received amounting to \$8.57.

Voted, That Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., be instructed to cast the ballot for the above list of officers. Upon his doing so, they were declared elected.

Rev. S. W. Smith led in prayer and the Convention adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

President Spencer called the Convention to order at 2.40 P. M.

Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Rev. J. P. Brown offered prayer.

The report of the Board of Trustees was discussed by several brethren.

Rev. J. A. Elder said we are not to speak with discouragement of the work done even though the past year there have been but few more baptisms than when there were only 8,000 Baptists in the state. It is well that more is given by

the Convention to the work for the foreign than for the native population. Let us do what we can to make our state a place where Christ is honored.

Rev. R. A. Ashworth thought that the one thing for us to do is to bring every energy of our beings to the support of these things which we feel so deeply in this Convention. We have a definite work here: if we fail to work for Connecticut there is no one who will do it for us. The young people should be aroused to this work.

Rev. Marco Mazzuca told of the beginning of the Italian work in New Haven five years ago, now we have 50 members in the church, and about 500 Italians gather on the Green every Sunday to hear the gospel. Our church has 43 men, and only 7 women, for the women are more difficult to reach. We have distributed 5,000 tracts and 350 Testaments; three have been baptized the past year. We have bought a plot on which to build a church, and now a plan has been given for the building. The Italians are hungry for the gospel, and the priests are keeping them in ignorance.

Rev. David Cooksley plead that the weak churches strive most earnestly to keep out of debt, and if possible become self-supporting.

Rev. P. S. Evans said that during the 17 years he had been in the Convention work, his ideal had been \$10,000 a year for the work, and this would be only fifty cents apiece, or if only one fourth of the people are wage earners, it would be only \$2.00 for each worker.

Singing, "The World for Christ we Sing."

Rev. Wm. Kohler said there are seven churches among the 60,000 Swedes in Connecticut, and five of them have pastors; but over 50,000 of our people are not yet converted. We are very grateful for the help rendered by the Convention and we are hoping soon to be self-supporting.

Rev. Otto Koenig felt that the work among the Germans compared very favorably with the work among other nationalities. The German Baptist churches are organs for the assimilation of the Germans with the people of this country; but this work must proceed slowly, or great danger

will arise. Of the 20,000 Germans in New Haven, not more than 1,200 are connected with any church, yet many are in sympathy with the American churches.

Rev. T. Tetrault said that the French people do not believe in the priests as they did formerly, but the priests are trying to organize them so that they shall hold together for Rome. My work is among the 8,000 French in Putnam and vicinity where three-fifths of the people are French Catholics. I am about to distribute 15,000 tracts among them.

Rev. G. W. Nicholson referred to some of the smaller churches that had exceeded in their gifts some of the large city churches. He mentioned an instance where a pastor had become so discouraged that he thought nothing remained on which he could work; but some one came in to help him and soon more than 40 joined the church. It is wise for the workers to go out from the larger churches and help these discouraged ones.

Rev. Henry Clarke said we have a great work. Christ committed to the little band of disciples the greatest work in the world because they were the strongest body to do that work. The people best acquainted with the conditions in New England tremble with fear lest religion is to be lost from our midst even as the strong church at Jerusalem was lost. If one soul has been made Christ-like we are not to talk of meager results—Christ matched one soul against the whole world. We worry sometimes because the resources are not equal to the demands, but the Almighty means to make the demand equal everything that his servants will offer forever. There are great powers in the church today, but it is only power in use that is of value. We do not need resolution, but *resolution*; we need to go back resolved to use all our power in lifting up our people to the idea of their responsibility.

Singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Rev. Henry Clarke presented the report of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees.

Voted, That the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to cast the ballot for the persons named, and upon his

doing so they were declared elected. The names are on the first page of our Minutes.

Rev. Geo. W. Nicholson presented the report of the Committee on the State of Religion:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Mr. President and Brethren:

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the churches would respectfully submit the following as their report to your honorable body.

After a careful examination of the statistics sent in by the churches to their respective associations (so far as we have received them), we find that there have been received by baptism 744, being 92 more than in 1901, 248 of these being from 9 churches, and 31 out of 128 of the churches having had no baptisms during the year. The total amount contributed for benevolent objects, \$44,011.29; 1901, \$45,725.52; net loss, \$1,714.23; total amount for all purposes, \$263,920.24; 1901, \$261,537.17; net gain, \$2,383.07; total membership, 25,161; 1901, 25,387; net loss, 226.

With these figures before us and a general survey of our state, the number of feeble churches, and the number of towns thriving and prosperous where we have no interests whatever, and no apparent efforts being made to establish either Sunday-schools, young people's societies, or churches, we are convinced that the situation is one of great gravity, and should call forth earnest inquiry as to the best possible means of enlargement. There seems to be an almost universal drought pervading the churches of our state, and consequently a great need of prayer, and a loud call for devotion to arouse our people to renewed activity, and a more aggressive spirit.

However, we have no intention to appear pessimistic in this report, for we firmly believe that God reigns, and out of these present conditions will come greater glory to His name, and more marked success for His cause. Anything like a spirit of despondency is wholly unbecoming and ungrateful, among those whom God has so signally and wonderfully honored and blessed as He has our denomination for all these years. There are, nevertheless, times when the Christian ministers and leading laymen should pause and consider, should walk about Zion and tell the towers thereof, and mark well her bulwarks, and tell it abroad, that we may arouse the rank and file of our churches, on whom, under the Spirit, we are to depend for the results desired. We are not forgetful, nor do we wish to overlook the fact that in many respects we are in a better position before the world than ever before in our history, that much of the seeming decline is occasioned possibly by a change of base of operation, that the power and Spirit of Christ is more manifest than ever in the multiplication of hospitals and institutions of reform, the universal desire for peace, submitting all grave questions to arbitration, the high

standard of education, and the enormous wealth flowing through various channels for the uplifting and amelioration of the distressed, and the embodiment of the Golden Rule in society, and these are all evidences that the "Old Book" is ever tightening its grip on the world's great-heart. Still, many feel the loss of the old-fashioned revivals for which Connecticut was noted, when souls were led into the Kingdom of God by scores and hundreds, and the saints were quickened to a marked degree of earnestness and personal consecration and labor for the unsaved. We miss the Swans, Shailers, Denisons, Keeneys, Walkers, names precious to many in and out of our state today as the instruments of life and salvation to them. Let us inquire as to what are some of the causes of the present conditions, and their remedies.

Probably the chief cause is the lack of the careful training of our children in the home and the Bible-school. While one should not be made a substitute for the other, one should supplement the other. The parent and teacher should both have a harmonious and vital interest in every child of the household; no parent or teacher can have a higher, divine function than that of leading the little ones into intelligent and vital union with Christ and the church. It is becoming more and more apparent that our churches are to be augmented from the ranks of the children and youth, and for her vitality and vigor, they need to be reared with this before them. For years the larger number of our recruits have come from the home and the Bible-school. What and where are the homes of today? The early home in this country was shaped and moulded by the daily reading of the Word of God, and the family altar. How is it now? See the enemies to the home life, in the flats and tenements in which many are obliged to live. Again so many of our women are engaged in various business pursuits. The license given to the children to form their companions from the street or the slums. Then the craze for clubs, races, orders, gambling in every form, all of which mean the loss and decay of the home as a place of rest, delight, cultivation of manner, spiritual life, and the laying of foundation for religious principles. The religion of the Bible is that of the homestead. Our strongest efforts should be in that direction. It has been said that the choicest treasures of a nation are to be found in the homes of the people. It was made to be a place of government, to be vocal with the language of authority, and this authority to be based on character. The parent is not simply to feed and clothe, to amuse and educate for business or the professions, but also to train in spiritual and divine things, and the teacher should second every effort of the parent to secure this end. Pastors should emphasize more the vital moment of the home life, the family altar, the spiritual training, the wisdom of early conversion and union with the Christian church.

Another cause is non-attendance of children at our church services. How few are to be seen with their parents in the sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Lynch in the "Outlook" of recent date, said he had taken pains to look into this subject very carefully, and found that church after church with large

Bible-schools had received on confession a beggarly few of their children, and concludes that the great crowd of children slip through their fingers into the great churchless world, while under the whole order of nature, they ought to be found among God's people. They should be taught from earliest childhood that the house of God is next to the home, and so be prepared for a life of usefulness and intelligent devotion to the church and the world. If this were done, vast numbers would grow up as the tender plant, thoughtfully, seriously, and vitally interested in church life and spiritual things, and would go out into the world with a good foundation on which to build. The great hope of the future is in getting and holding the children, teaching them reverence for the sanctuary, and holding them in sympathy and fellowship with all her interests.

Another cause is the desecration of the Lord's day, which as we are all aware, is becoming more and more a day for pleasure-seeking, recreation, and business, and less and less for spiritual culture and divine worship. The Sunday newspaper takes the place of the sermon, and the clubhouse the place of the sanctuary. At the general assembly of the Presbyterian church recently, a strong protest was made against the abuse of the Lord's day and demanding its more strict observance on the part of Christians. In the discussion which followed, it was asked: "Where are many of our members on the Lord's day, and the better class of citizens?" Riding, resting, golfing, and sight-seeing, trolley and steam car riding, instead of in the house of God.

Rev. Dr. W. N. Clark of Colgate University in a symposium on the weakness of the church, at Detroit said: "We have fallen upon times in which the power of things, present, visible, tangible is urged upon us in unusual degree, by unprecedented physical conveniences. We hear every day: we live a busy life, we have little time to think, we are pressed by a tremendous power of competition, we are constantly made to feel the power and charm of money, we take our standards of life from those who are richer than we, we are weary and must have recreation, or more truly, we are excited and must have more excitement. The atmosphere is deadening to the voice of the Spirit, but transmits with marvelous facility the sounds of this present world. The effect of all this upon religion is obvious enough. The world of today is a world in which it is hard to feel one's self immortal. It is hard in this whirling age to believe in a calm, unchangeable, holy, gracious God before whom we stand. It is hard to feel a sense of sin and the need of saving help. He suggests the following questions for thought: "Can we ministers and Christian leaders rise above our time into a strong Christian life of the Spirit, of faith in the living God? Can we live a life in which God is real to us, and sin, and salvation, and the motives that are learned from Christ? Can we become possessed by the simple and profound faith that discerns the invisible realities and lives in view of them? Can we get a simple message of eternal truth that will fill our souls, and can we utter it without fear or turning aside for people who want something not so high and spiritual? If we can do this we shall have power with old or new the-

ology. If once we have settled ourselves, the question of religion, and there is no other way, the weakness of the church must be cured by the coming in of the strength of the church, which consists in power to live the high life of the Spirit in the midst of the unspiritual world of humanity."

Your committee recommend that there be greater attention paid: First, to the children and youth; we deem this to be vital because it is God's method, and we have too often failed to lay hold of these jewels while within our grasp, and so they have been lost to Christ, the church and the world; that our field secretary be requested to urge this as he goes over our State, and establish Bible-schools wherever and whenever possible. Second, that special attention be given to the after meetings on Sunday evenings, for hauling the net; no preacher should ever deliver his Lord's message without the hope of saving at least one soul. Third, we recommend the laying of plans for religious work especially along evangelistic lines, under the direction and supervision of the field secretary, assisted by neighboring pastors. Fourth, we recommend special attention be given to the legitimate and pressing demands of some of our English speaking churches, whom we have too largely neglected in the past few years in our anxiety over our foreign brethren. Let us not do less for the foreigners, but more for the English speaking. Fifth, we recommend to our foreign brethren the establishment of an English department for the benefit of their children and youth. Sixth, we recommend that there be a more general plan of systematic benevolence in our churches, that the objects be considered in their relative importance, state, home, foreign, and give as the Lord hath prospered, thereby giving greater efficiency to the work. Seventh, that we seek more and more to appreciate the office and work of the Holy Spirit in carrying out the command, "Go ye into all the world."

Yours, etc.,

G. W. NICHOLSON,
E. E. GATES,
W. G. THOMAS,
JAMES B. CONNELL,
CHAS. C. SMITH,

Committee.

After a brief discussion of the report,

Voted, That the report be accepted and laid on the table for discussion tomorrow afternoon.

An offering was received amounting to \$9.67.

Rev. C. N. Nichols offered prayer, and pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Convention re-assembled at 7.30 P. M. President Spencer in the chair.

Rev. J. R. Stubbett led in prayer.

Anthem by choir of First Baptist Church.

President Spencer in a few well-chosen words gave a hearty welcome to Rev. Frank H. Divine, "Superintendent of Missions."

Rev. Frank H. Divine gave a strong address in which he discussed his views of the subject of State Missions:

I understand that the Baptist State Convention is a federation of Baptist churches and members thereof in an organized community for the purpose of prosecuting more successfully the work of the Kingdom of God, within the geographical boundaries of such organization.

The Convention should not be spoken of as "it," but as "we" and "us." I would like to discuss state missions in relation to the denominational life and progress,—in relation to the questions of the day,—in relation to financial problems.

We are Baptists of necessity, otherwise we are of no special value to the denomination. The Baptists still have an important mission in the world. The state mission is needed to hold what has been already gained in the little fields scattered over the hills, and to go forth to possess the land for Christ. We ought to rejoice in the addition of 741 to the churches during the year, for this is equal to a good sized village, equal to the number in some of the largest churches in the state.

There are many important questions arising in our land, education will not answer them, reforms do not meet them, they can only be answered by the people having a new nature implanted within them, and the state mission is working for this very end.

The secretary of the Convention is not to be a professional collector of money; he is to show that it is possible to make an investment that shall produce 60 or 100 fold for the glory of God. Of late the realization of the responsibility of Christian stewardship has led to the investment of large sums in libraries and educational institutions, it is now required that the responsibility of stewardship for Christian work shall be understood. The State Convention can help along this line. There needs to be a re-adjustment, not less for education, but more for the souls of men. I rejoice in the endowment of institutions, but the best university of the land cannot turn out a man unless God be in his heart; it is the purpose of the Convention to try and bring men to know Jesus whom to know aright is life. We need a vision of higher things to lead us to nobler service. I come to you with a heart warmed by the Spirit of God, longing to do all in my power to make that vision real.

An offering was received amounting to \$20.59.

The report of Committee on Bible-schools was presented by Mr. E. B. Boynton :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Bible-schools for the past two years has been urging upon the Convention the importance of this work, and the necessity of giving it a larger place on the program and in the discussions of the Convention.

Your President also urged, in his address last year, that the matter of Bible-school work be given greater attention.

We are glad to be able to report that these appeals have been successful in obtaining a more favorable hour on the program for this report.

Article 2 of the Constitution of the Convention reads as follows: "The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel and the organization and maintenance of the Baptist churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut."

It will be seen therefore that it is clearly the duty of the Convention to devote a portion of its energy and means to this branch of the work.

We believe the Bible-school should be considered as the teaching department of the church.

In the report of 1901 the total number of baptisms from all the churches in the state was 652, of this number 321, or 49 per cent., came from the Sunday-school. During the year 1900 the total baptisms reported was 828; 467, or 56 per cent., coming from the Sunday-school.

It will be readily seen that the hope of the church for the future is, or should be, in the Bible-school.

We firmly believe that the time is at hand when the Convention should make this subject a part of its regular work, and therefore, your committee urges the careful consideration of the following:

First, that the Superintendent of Missions be instructed to devote a portion of his time to the assistance of weaker schools in the state, and also to consider the advisability of establishing new schools in such sections as may be deemed wise.

Second, that the churches be urged to place the Sunday-school upon a proper footing to perform the important work assigned it. We believe the expenses of the Sunday-school should be borne by the church just as much as the expense of any other service.

Third, we urge upon the churches the advisability of a proper grading of the schools, that more systematic and thorough work be done in teaching those who come under its influence.

Fourth, in view of the fact that the Denver Convention offered no relief from the present International system, we therefore recommend

that the pastors and superintendents investigate the matter of the relative value of the various lesson systems.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. BOYNTON,

E. C. SAGE,

H. E. WISE,

G. D. GOULD,

H. C. WARREN,

Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. F. D. Elmer, who spoke of the motive for the Bible-school as,—to bring each child into such relation to God that he shall say “I must be about my Father’s business!”

By Rev. P. C. Wright, who made it very plain from the reports of past years that there is great need to increase the number of schools. If there are 78,000 children in the state who are not in any school it is time that we should bestir ourselves. And this work is necessary to strengthen our position as Baptists. If we must neglect any one let us not neglect any child.

At this point the President called Rev. H. E. Wise and Dea. C. P. Gladding to the platform.

Dea. Gladding, in behalf of the First Baptist Church of Hartford, presented a banner to be given to that Young People’s Society that sends the largest number of examination papers on the Christian Culture Course.

After speaking of the present opportunity to acquire an education through correspondence, Dea. Gladding said:

The same opportunity is now open to secure a knowledge of the Bible. To stimulate the study of the Bible by the Young People’s Societies of Connecticut, this banner has been prepared. I have great pleasure in putting in your care, as President of the Young People’s Society, this banner to be held by you until there is reason to bestow it upon some Society. We sincerely hope that the members of the Baptist Young People’s Societies of Connecticut will appreciate the effort of the First Baptist Sunday-school of Hartford to

stimulate an interest in Bible study, and will manifest their appreciation by a large increase in the number of Bible students during the coming year.

In a few well-chosen words Rev. H. E. Wise accepted the banner.

After singing the Doxology, Rev. H. R. Traver pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Convention was called to order at 9.10 A. M. by President Spencer. Rev. E. Dewhurst led in prayer.

Rev. D. W. Phelps presented the report of the Committee on Obituaries.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Three of our Connecticut ministers have entered into rest the past year:

Rev. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHAPMAN died in Andover, December 29, aged ninety years, two months and sixteen days. He was born in Griswold, October 13, 1811, one of thirteen children. He was married in 1837 to Nancy C. Peabody of North Stonington, and removed the same year with a colony of twenty families from that vicinity to central Illinois, where they founded the town of Stonington. While there he began to preach. He remained there from 1837 to 1857, when he became pastor of the First Church of North Stonington, Conn. He removed to Andover, where he lived forty-two years. There he preached a number of years, and there he retained his home when again supplying the First North Stonington Church. His wife died in 1892, and a son, B. F. Chapman, Jr., in 1882. He was a good man and loved the cause of Christ. He bequeathed \$2,000 to the church in Putnam. He was the father also of Rush P. Chapman of Hartford.

Rev. HENRY WOODBURN WILSON, twentieth pastor of the First Church, Groton, died in the Old Mystic parsonage June 5, aged fifty-three years. He was educated at Des Moines College and Rochester Theological Seminary, and held a number of pastorates before coming to Connecticut. From 1893 to 1899, he ministered to the Stratfield Church, near

Bridgeport, and for two and a half years was in charge of the first church of our order in the state, and there received 38 by baptism. Like three successive generations of the Wightman family, he died in office and lies in their ancient burial ground. An earnest and faithful minister of Jesus Christ, he rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

FRANCIS JOHN PARRY, D.D., died very suddenly July 17, in Waterbury, where he had been for five years the very efficient pastor of the First Church. He was born in Philadelphia, March 16, 1847, graduated from the university at Lewisburg in 1872, was two years in Hamilton Theological Seminary, and was for some time abroad before settling as pastor of the Third Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. He became pastor at Coopers-town, N. Y., in 1877; First Church, Burlington, Vt., 1882; First Church, Brattleboro, five years later, and after an eight years pastorate there, he was in charge of the Alexander Avenue Church, New York City. His labors were abundant and incessant, and his unexpected death when only fifty-five years old was a terrible blow to his large church, to the city of Waterbury, and to all his friends.

A number of ministers formerly laboring in our state should also be mentioned:

ADONIRAM JUDSON SAGE, D.D., who from 1871 to 1884 was pastor of the church in which we meet, died July 7. He was born in Massillon, Ohio, 1836, graduated at Rochester from the University in 1860 and Theological Seminary, 1868. He was pastor at Shelburne Falls, Mass., Philadelphia, and Morgan Park, Ill., professor of Latin in the University of Rochester, and of homiletics in the Baptist Union Theological Seminary. He resided fourteen years in Cincinnati, where he was very highly regarded.

BENJAMIN OSGOOD TRUE, D.D., died July 19 in Rochester, after a twenty-one year professorship of church history in its Theological Seminary. He was born in Plainfield, N. J., December 17, 1845, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1866, and at Rochester Theological Seminary in 1870. He was pastor at Baldwinsville, N. Y., and from 1873 to 1879 of the First Church, Meriden. His last pastorate was in the Central Church, Providence.

EDWARD T. HISCOX, D.D., who died at Mount Vernon, N. Y., December 12, was born in Westerly, R. I., August 14, 1814, graduated at Madison University in 1843, was pastor in Westerly, R. I.; Stanton Street Church, New York; Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn; and First Church, Mount Vernon. In 1847, he began a five years pastorate of the Central Church, Norwich, the blessings of which are still gratefully acknowledged.

Rev. THOMAS TERRY, who died last August in Southwick, Mass., aged 73, had held pastorates in Connecticut at Brooklyn and East Lyme. All these brethren leave blessed memories.

Rev. FORREST FAYETTE EMERSON, who died at St. Vincent's hospital, New York, May 10, aged 62, graduated at Brown University, 1863,

studied theology at Newton and Rochester, was pastor at Brockport, N. Y., Gloucester, Mass., and from 1873 to 1879 of the Asylum Avenue Church, Hartford. He then became a Congregational pastor, first in Amherst, Mass., and then in Newport, R. I. He was a very able preacher.

Mrs. LUCY A. FISKE of Rockville, aged 73, left large bequests to the cause of Christ in Connecticut. The widow of Dea. Phelps of Bloomfield bequeathed a sum to the State Convention.

Branford mourns the loss of JAMES H. FOWLER, aged 82, church clerk and treasurer many years. ORLANDO WELLINGTON SPRATT, aged 61, was a member in Clinton, a graduate of the university at Lewisburg, became associated with the "National Baptist," and was for many years prominently connected with the American Baptist Publication Society. Haddam is bereaved of Mrs. SARILLA SHAILER, aged 80, widow of Dea. Bezaleel Shailer and sister of three Baptist ministers, Wm. H., Julius S., and Davis T. Shailer. GEO. R. WILLMOT of the First Church, Meriden, left large bequests to religious objects. Dea. RICHMOND of Main Street Church, Meriden, held various important offices in that church. SARAH McWHINNIE, widow of Dea. James McWhinnie, was the honored mother of Miss Margaret and the late Rev. James McWhinnie.

The First Church, New Haven, has lost its oldest member, Mrs. SUSAN STAFFORD, who died December 31, lacking but one week of completing her ninety-fifth year. Baptized May 22, 1831, she was a member of that church more than seventy years. Dea. WM. A. BRIGGS, aged 70, was a member more than thirty-five years. MR. and MRS. HENRY F. ANDRUSS were members more than sixty-three years, and died less than three months apart. Calvary Church mourns SAMUEL D. LINSLEY, who was deacon more than thirty years. FREDERICK COOK also was one of the first deacons, but retired of late years by ill health from the work he loved. Mrs. JULIA A. LARKINS, another constituent member, was the wife of Dea. Elihu Larkins from 1838 until his lamented death in 1898. Dea. EMIL CRISAND, aged 69, was a beloved member and licentiate of the German Church. Capt. OLIVER A. BILL, aged 85, was a member of Olivet Church.

DAVID F. WOOLSEY, who died June 30, aged 94 years and four months, was a successful business man, an earnest Christian and a member of the First Church of Bridgeport forty-four years, and a Baptist church member seventy years. Mrs. MARY SIVERS and Mrs. EMILY LANG were each eighty-six years old. The Second Church, Bridgeport, makes loving mention of Mrs. MARIA BLACK and her son JAMES A. BLACK, also THOMAS M. SMITH, each a constituent member. Stratfield lost MARTHA M., wife of Dea. Geo. S. Platt, long identified with the church, and JENNIE W. BENEDICT, much loved and greatly missed, who served the church many years, teacher twenty, and organist twenty-five.

The Second Church, Danbury, has lost three deacons: CHAS. A. LYON, ALBERT A. G. BENEDICT, the society's treasurer, and NATHAN SEELEY, deacon more than fifty years, treasurer of the Fairfield County

Association many years, and father-in-law of Rev. Dr. Stone of Hartford.

MORRIS A. BOLTON united with the First Church, New London, April 17, 1892. His entire church life was one of marked faithfulness. At the outset of his Christian career, he felt called of God to preach and began to prepare. This meant the surmounting of obstacles that would have discouraged a less resolute person. Constantly sowing the seed of truth, he won souls. He died April 24.

HON. JAMES WINCHELL MANNING died March 14, in Putnam. He was born in Pomfret, 1822, educated at Thompson, Woodstock, and Suffield academics, and moved to Putnam in 1847. The first town clerk, he held the office forty-four years. He represented Putnam in the legislature and was state comptroller. He was president of the First National Bank and long had an honored prominence among Connecticut Baptists.

DANIEL TYLER RICHARDS was identified with the Preston Church sixty-eight years, church clerk twenty-five years, and filled many offices with ability.

We "look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

DRYDEN W. PHELPS,
E. DEWHURST,
FRANKLIN D. ELMER,
THOMAS G. DENCHFIELD,
LEONARD SMITH,
GEO. C. SAUER.

After a brief discussion of the report,
Voted, That the report be accepted.

Rev. E. A. Bowen presented the report of the Committee on Temperance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Any consideration of the temperance question may fitly begin by recalling the strength of our foe. That the liquor traffic is directly or indirectly the cause of nine-tenths of the crime, the source of a very large per cent. of the pauperism, insanity, imbecility of society and that it is the cause of society's greatest monetary loss is not the guess of a perfervid imagination but accords with the statements of most sober investigators. Through drink someone's son or daughter fills a drunkard's grave every minute of every day. Social drinking is a national menace. Politics are too generally controlled by the saloon. Recent developments indicate there is not a spot on God's earth which the liquor power is not determined to rule. Facts such as these may be well known to us but

surely are not yet comprehended. The horrors of drink beggar description. It is humanity's greatest curse. When Mrs. Stowe, after she had written "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was asked to write depicting the evils of the liquor traffic, she replied: "I cannot, it is too horrible." Yet for the liberation of the bodies of our fellows our nation counted the losses of the most bloody conflict of history a price none too dear. Drink is a worse evil than slavery since it shackles and destroys man, body, mind and soul. As it is an evil more widespread and terrible than slavery, so its abolition is worthy, if necessary, of a greater sacrifice. Let us hope the time is not far distant when the liquor power, like the slave power, will overreach itself and an outraged public sentiment rise up and sweep it away forever.

But we are to consider how the church should now combat this accursed traffic. Local conditions must determine particular methods but no body of Christians should be inert so long as alcohol can claim a single vantage ground. Perhaps general principles of action may be suggested. It is the privilege of the church to mould moral sentiment along this, as along all lines. Every Christian has his civic duties. He should lend his moral support to public officials, who often contend not only against evil but against the apathy of professedly good people. The secret of the execution of the law lies in the public interest in the law. In so far as officials are faithful, praise should be forthcoming, wherein they are negligent, sympathetic encouragement will help to faithfulness. Politicians declare themselves ready to fulfill the will of their constituents and through petitions and every legitimate means, the will of their most moral constituents should be revealed to them. So long as liquor is manufactured, and so long as our government receives a revenue from the same, it will be impossible to stop the traffic or drinking. An opportunity is here offered our ablest Christian citizens to destroy these chief strongholds of the enemy. Christians should stand for such prohibitive law as the state grants. United action of all good citizens should be sought. Possibly one of the most effective methods of curtailing the power of the saloon is that of ward option already effective in some cities. It will perhaps be productive of good if we investigate again the morality of the position that the saloon has a right to be licensed.

Every Christian has a social obligation in regard to drink and drinking. Church members should honestly question themselves as to their exact attitude toward the beverage use of liquors. If one does not fear the consequences of drinking upon self, help to the weaker brother is sufficient motive for abstinence. For Christians to gain revenue through the rental of property for the sale of intoxicants is an abomination. Employers of labor can perform a work of inestimable value by refusing to employ those who drink. The great hope of a temperate nation however, lies in faithful work among the children. Effort here will bear fruit in the quickened conscience and higher morality of the coming generations. Children should be taught that drunkenness is evil and that the liquor evil is evil, and only evil. Temperance sentiment should be

established through wise teachings in the public and Bible-schools. In general, parents will do well to ascertain more accurately the whereabouts of their children and to bring them more fully under the influence of the church, and of an attractive home. Christians can leave no better legacy to their children than a social order freed from every cause and effect of the drink curse. Such a legacy will cost effort and money, but the church has the money and the example of the Lord Jesus, who spared not himself. The fact is that alcohol will blight our nation in proportion as the church is asleep. The cure will be found in an awakened body of Christians consistently teaching and practicing the essential elements of Christianity: the love of God with all our mind, might, soul, and strength, and the love of neighbor as ourselves. Great victories have been won for which we give thanks. As we renew the struggle let us not forget that the Christian church has back of it Almighty God.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. BOWEN,
HADLAI A. HULL,
H. M. THOMPSON,
OTTO KOENIG,
GILES POTTER,

Committee.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

Rev. Geo. H. Ferris presented the report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The total amount of our contributions to Home and Foreign Missions for the past year falls short of that of the preceding year by over \$1,000. As we only gave a little over \$16,000 to the two causes, it takes no great mathematical mind to estimate, at the present ratio of progress, our distance from the abyss. Each year we come back to the Convention, to compare our gifts with those of the last year, and report a gradual slide down the incline of failure.

To be sure we have seasons of what we are pleased to call "special effort," when we do not depend upon the spontaneity of the fountains of generosity in our members, but thrust in a pump to hurry things along. The pump drains the fountain, and then we have to wait a year or two for it to fill up. Evidently something is the matter with the spring itself. The water seeps from the inner reservoir through too restricted an orifice, and we need some power to smite the rock and make it flow in larger streams.

Your committee has no plan to propose for imparting inspiration to drowsy souls by mechanical means. The whole group of Baptist churches of Connecticut needs to awake to its debt to the "Greeks and Barbarians." We have something which they have not. The poverty of their spiritual lives is a call to the abundant riches of the gospel. The emptiness of their growing scepticism is a loud cry for the fullness of the life of love in Christ. Your committee believes that church dissensions are the creeping things that grow in stagnant ponds. Never was city besieged, and shut up in itself, when vice and misery and corruption did not flaunt themselves in its idle streets; and never did church make it the chief object of its existence to raise its own running expenses without breeding vileness and the germs of death.

"I am debtor to the Greeks!" Think of the naivete of that! Carrying his gospel, not as we are called to do, from one of the foremost nations in the world into the darkness of Africa and China, but from an unknown and inconspicuous province on the outskirts of civilization, to the very home of refinement and culture! Think of calling those priceless marbles of the golden age of sculpture, of which the world now counts itself fortunate to find a few fragments, things "graven by art and man's device!" Our Christianity seems to have dropped some of its courage with the passing of the centuries. To the mind of Paul, wherever there was a nation without the influence of the love of the sublime Son of God, no matter how advanced might be its culture and complete its self-satisfaction, over that land stood some man of Macedonia, beckoning to him to come with his Christ, and lead them into a purer, wiser, and nobler life.

Nor did the failures and difficulties of mission churches daunt him. We find him battling with incest and drunkenness in the church at Corinth; we find him reproaching the churches of Galatia with the fact that all of them fell away and abandoned the truth as soon as his back was turned; we find him warning the Ephesians not to steal; we find him exhorting the Colossians to stop lying to one another, and telling them to avoid "uncleanness, inordinate affection, concupiscence, and covetousness." No doubt the cynic was there to say, "Well, if this is all Christianity can do for the world we might better leave men to their blind and contented idolatry. I have my doubts about this whole missionary movement. Is not Paul, the chief missionary of the lot, taking up a collection for his own benefit? He may talk to us about 'perils of waters, and perils in the wilderness,' and all that, but no doubt he enjoys travel. Beside all this Christianity has only converted a small portion of Palestine, and it seems to me that it will be time enough to carry the gospel to Greece and Rome when some little impression has been made on the tremendous obstacles that confront us right here in Jerusalem."

He who thinks these same old questions were not raised nearly two thousand years ago would do well to read his New Testament over again. The fact is that the whole missionary movement is only an effort to keep the Christian from shrinking into himself, until he ends in the

most distant and diminished end of a snail-shell of selfishness. Christianity is merely the illumination of the spirit of Christ, that radiates from the heart of the disciple, so that his love for his family is extended to his next door neighbor, and to the men of the next village, and so on and away, until the whole round globe shall be bright with the message of the Gospel.

GEO. H. FERRIS,
JOHN FRIBORG,
HAROLD PATTISON,
R. MAPLES DEN.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Rev. F. G. McKeever presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation for the excellent and generous manner in which the First Baptist Church of Hartford has entertained the Convention.

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and we hereby tender them, to the press, for the satisfactory report of our meetings, and to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., for the reduction in the price of tickets.

Respectfully submitted,

BYRON U. HATFIELD,
For the Committee.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The Convention adjourned until 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention was called to order at 3 P. M. by President Spencer.

After singing, "Jesus, Thy Name I Love," Rev. E. A. Woods, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco and president of the California State Convention, led in prayer.

Voted, That the report on Bible schools be taken from the table for discussion.

The topic was discussed by Brethren Wright, Divine, Potter, Leathers, and others.

Voted, That the report be accepted and that the recommendations of the Committee be referred to the Executive Committee of the Board in connection with the new Superintendent of Missions.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on the State of Religion be taken from the table.

Voted, That the report be accepted and printed in the Minutes.

Rev. R. A. Ashworth presented the report of the Committee on New Churches.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES.

In January, 1901, the First Baptist Church of Naugatuck was organized under the leadership of the Rev. T. Carson Hanna with 41 members. It was recognized by a council on August 7th, and received into the New Haven Association in October. The church is at present without a pastor.

The Italian Baptist Church of Stamford, started in November, 1893, was organized in May of this year with 23 members, and received into the Fairfield Association at its annual meeting. The pastor is the Rev. P. R. DeCarlo.

The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Stratford was recognized by a council September 18th, and received later into the Fairfield Association.

The Grace Baptist Church of Waterbury organized and received into the New Haven Association, pastor Rev. G. W. Reed, also applies for admission.

ROBERT A. ASHWORTH,
Chairman.

Voted, That these four churches be received into the Convention.

Rev. J. R. Stubbett presented as a verbal report of the Historical Committee that they are investigating the matter, and will report anything found.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The Evangelistic Committee made verbal report through Rev. F. S. Leathers, who made the following suggestions:

1. That the pastors co-operate in protracted meetings.
2. That the State Convention raise a small fund to aid the smaller churches in evangelistic services.

Voted, That the report be accepted and referred to the Executive Committee together with the new Superintendent.

Rev. Franklin D. Elmer presented the report of the Committee on Enrollment:

The Committee report 105 churches represented as against 88 last year, and 117 the year previous; 88 pastors as against 75 last year, and 94 the year previous. The number of delegates attending is large, but we are unable to report definitely. The Committee accomplishes such inaccurate and inconsequential results compared with the important amount of time required that we recommend that the secretary be requested to arrange some scheme for the mechanical tabulation of these statistics, or else that this, as an annual Committee, be discontinued.

For the Committee,

FRANKLIN D. ELMER.

Voted, That the report be accepted and adopted.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed as corresponding members of the Baptist Evangelistic Association, and to represent this body at the proposed meeting of the Association at Buffalo, May, 1903.

The Committee appointed consists of Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. J. H. Strong, Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D.

Rev. Webster R. Maul spoke in favor of the "Examiner."

Rev. H. L. Morehouse presented the claims and the work of the Baptist Home Mission Society in a very able address.

Rev. E. A. Woods, D.D., spoke of the work of the California Convention.

Rev. P. C. Wright presented the report of the Committee on Place and Preacher:

Your Committee greatly regret their inability to secure a place for the next meeting of the Convention. They will therefore, refer the question to the Executive Board of the Convention.

For preacher we recommend the Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D.; for alternate the Rev. J. A. Elder of New London.

P. C. WRIGHT,
J. R. STUBBERT,
HENRY CLARKE,

Committee.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The President announced the following committees to report next year:

On Nomination of Trustees—Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Hon. James L. Howard, Rev. G. H. Ferris, Charles A. Benjamin, Rev. E. E. Gates.

On Obituaries—Rev. D. W. Phelps, Rev. Franklin D. Elmer, Rev. T. G. Denchfield, Rev. G. C. Sauer, Rev. E. Dewhurst, Rev. Leonard Smith.

On State of Churches—Rev. Wm. D. McKinney, Rev. J. W. Payne, Pierce N. Welch, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. J. Friborg.

On Home and Foreign Missions—Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., Rev. W. S. Roberts, D.D., Rev. Thomas McClymont, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. H. L. Dietz.

On Bible-schools—Rev. F. G. McKeever, J. H. Crossley, Luther C. Glazier, Rev. L. B. Sears, Rev. J. H. Strong.

On Temperance—Rev. P. C. Wright, Rev. Harold Pattison, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., Rev. J. A. Clarke, Rev. G. C. Sauer.

On New Churches—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. F. D. Elmer, Rev. David Cooksley, Rev. E. W. Stone, Rev. Walter Gay.

On Evangelistic Work—Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Rev. J. A. Elder, Rev. F. S. Leathers, Rev. N. M. Morton, Rev. R. H. Sherman.

Historical Committee—Rev. T. A. T. Hanna, John L. Denison, Martin B. Smith, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. J. G. Ward.

Voted, That we recommend that the Board be authorized and empowered to publish a weekly or monthly paper or magazine for the inter-communication and information among the churches, feeling that with a more intimate and intelligent knowledge of the work and needs of the Convention, there would be a more generous response.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to print the Minutes without reading to the Convention.

President Spencer said:

The hour has come for closing. I simply wish to say that you, brethren of the Convention, have made it very easy for me to preside over the body, and I wish to thank those brethren who so generously and frankly came to our aid, and have given us the words which were in their hearts upon the different topics. It has been very pleasant to note that there has been no failure on the part of any member who has signified his willingness to speak, and they have contributed very largely to the interest this year. It will be remembered that this is home talent, and it is no small talent. Our hearts have been stirred, and we feel that we can begin another year under flattering auspices, a new superintendent, and we hope to make a forward movement the next year. It remains for you to back up the work with your means and your prayers. May God bless the work and give His grace.

J. L. Denison presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention desires to put on record its appreciation of the successful labors of the Connecticut Baptist Social Union during the past thirty years, in their encouragement and hearty support of every interest in the spiritual and financial relations of the churches, and acknowledgement of cheer and comfort offered by the banquets especially, to the pastors and their wives throughout the State.

Voted, That the resolution be adopted.

Dea. Giles Potter offered prayer, and Rev. P. S. Evans pronounced the benediction and the Convention adjourned.

PHILIP S. EVANS,	CARNOT O. SPENCER,
Secretary.	President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending October 10, 1902.

Balance on hand at last report \$452.32

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES.

Bantam	\$ 5 00	Montville Union	\$ 1 56
Bloomfield	6 25	Mystic Union	65 17
Bozrah	9 88	New Britain, First	108 32
Bridgeport, First	250 00	" German	11 15
" E. Wash. Av.	31 58	" Swedish	12 07
" German	17 10	New Haven, Calvary	78 88
" Immanuel	5 00	" Grand Av.	20 54
" Messiah	15 00	" German	25 00
" Swedish	5 00	N. London, First	42 25
Bristol	80 00	" Hunt. St.	20 00
Clinton	8 00	New Milford	18 00
Chester	8 88	Niantic	11 52
Cornwall Hollow	3 00	Noank	50 00
Cheshire	2 25	North Colebrook	1 50
Cromwell	11 65	North Lyme	20 00
Danbury, Second	40 00	Norwich, Central	100 00
Danielson	24 50	" First	20 00
Deep River	63 61	" Third	2 53
East Cornwall	5 55	N. Stonington, 1st.	5 00
East Lyme	5 50	" 2d.	5 15
Eastford	10 00	" 3d.	4 25
Essex	50 62	Packerville	10 00
Groton Heights	7 37	Plainfield	25 00
Hfd., Asylum Ave.	152 57	Plainville	3 00
" First	200 00	Poquonock Bridge	10 00
" Memorial	9 70	Putnam	38 95
" Olivet	10 60	Rockville	4 35
" South	112 67	Saybrook	3 24
" Swedish	19 00	South Colebrook	4 04
Jewett City	21 50	" Norwalk	29 49
Lyme	8 00	" Windsor	9 00
Meriden, First	64 26	" Woodstock	8 00
" Main St.	19 00	Southington	13 00
" Swedish.	3 89	Stafford	5 00
Montowese	5 00	Stamford	50 06

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Stamford Union . . . \$ 2 00	Wallingford . . . \$125 39
Stepney . . . 10 00	Waterbury, Second 15 35
Sterling Hill . . . 10 00	" German 5 00
Stonington Boro. . . 115 00	Waterford, First . 12 15
Stratfield . . . 4 80	" Second 26 38
Suffield, First . . . 15 00	Westford . . . 5 00
" Second . . . 40 25	W. Willington . . . 15 00
Thompson, Central 20 75	Willimantic . . . 82 63
Torrington . . . 85 00	White Hills . . . 10 00
Voluntown . . . 3 00	
	<hr/> \$2,730 65

FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Montowese Mission Band,	\$ 5 00
Norwich Central, extra cent a day band,	14 00
	<hr/> \$19 00

FOR FOREIGN WORK.

Mrs. J. B. Hoyt, Stamford,	\$ 75 00
American Baptist Pub. Society,	225 00
New Haven Baptist Union,	173 81
Mrs. S. B. Ives, Fair Haven,	1 00
G. W. Nicholson, Italian Fund,	25 42
	<hr/> \$500 23

FOR CENTENNIAL FUND.

E. A. Bowen, Willimantic,	\$20 00
Haddam Church,	5 00
	<hr/> \$25 00

FOR ITALIAN CHAPEL.

Woman's Home Missionary Society,	\$25 00
W. C. Twiss, Meriden,	25 00
C. A. Piddock,	25 00
Noank Junior Endeavor Society,	2 00
C. O. Spencer,	25 00
A. J. Shipley,	10 00
J. R. Very,	25 00
	<hr/> \$137 00

FROM INTEREST.

Dunham Fund,	\$192 50
Phelps Fund,	30 00
E. Francis Fund,	47 00
Chapman Fund,	307 50

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Miller Fund,	\$ 68 50
Cone Fund,	180 00
A. Francis Fund,	75 00
Rowayton Fund,	184 50
May Fund,	25 00
Sheldon Fund,	25 00
Martha Rogers Fund,	5 00
Fuller and Ballard Fund,	20 00
	<hr/> \$1,160 00

FOR MINUTES.

Cromwell Church,	\$ 1 00
Education Society,	26 00
	<hr/> \$27 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rent, German Bridgeport,	\$172 50
Collection, Stonington Association,	7 62
C. A. Piddock, Italian work, Stamford,	10 00
From loan,	500 00
C. A. Piddock, for supplies,	25 00
Sale of Brookfield land,	15 00
	<hr/> \$730 12
Loan from Abby Babcock Phillips Fund,	500 00
Bequest of Mrs. Remmington,	200 00
" " John F. Phelps,	292 17
	<hr/> \$6,773 49
Balance due Treasurer,	216 71
	<hr/> \$6,990 20

PAYMENTS.

TO CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.

Moodus,	\$ 30 00
Bridgeport, German,	200 00
Meriden, Swedish,	120 00
Hartford, " ,	150 00
Waterbury, " ,	75 00
" colored,	12 50
Tariffville,	120 00
North and South Colebrook,	80 00
Poquonock Bridge,	60 00
Old Lyme,	75 00

Sterling Hill,	\$140 00
Canton and New Hartford,	75 00
Wethersfield,	45 00
New Britain, Swedish,	120 00
Shelton,	160 00
Scott Hill,	10 00
South Woodstock,	75 00
West Hartford,	200 00
New Haven, Swedish,	104 16
Bantam and Cornwall,	62 50
White Hills,	100 00
Danbury, colored,	25 00
Bloomfield,	25 00
Cheshire,	52 00
Eastford and Westford,	30 00
	<hr/> \$2,146 16

FOR FOREIGN WORK.

French Missions,	\$300 00
Italian Mission, Ceretta,	345 00
" " De Carlo,	445 01
" " Mazzuca,	360 00
Bridgeport,	50 00
A. Nitmo,	41 94
	<hr/> \$1,541 95

INCOME TO CHURCHES.

Mansfield,	\$ 52 00
Rowayton,	184 50
Andover,	39 00
Pendleton Hill,	68 50
Wethersfield,	147 00
Moodus,	90 00
Willington,	104 00
North Colebrook,	30 00
	<hr/> \$715 00

PRINTING.

Adkins Printing Co.,	\$ 17 65
The Smith-Linsley Co.,	328 00
The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.,	7 75
	<hr/> \$353 40
German Bridgeport, ins., water rents and repairs,	\$116 75
" " interest,	148 50

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Salaries of Secretaries and expenses,	\$1,795 73
Shelton, interest,	90 00
C. A. Piddock, balance Luther account,	30 00
Legal expenses,	10 00
Stenographer,	10 00
E. S. Waterbury, for Stamford Chapel,	10 00
Expenses of Executive Committee,	19 10
Telegrams and postage,	3 61
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	\$6,990 20

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand at last report,	\$ 452 32
Received from churches,	2,730 65
" " Young People's Societies,	19 00
" for foreign work,	500 23
" " Centennial Fund,	25 00
" " Italian Chapel,	137 00
" from interest,	1,160 00
" for minutes,	27 00
" from bequests,	492 17
" " loans, A. B. Phillips Fund,	\$500 00
" " " Savings Bank,	500 00—1,000 00
" " other sources,	230 12
Balance due Treasurer,	216 71
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	\$6,990 20

PAYMENTS.

Paid to churches,	\$2,146 16
" for foreign work,	1,541 95
" income to churches,	715 00
" printing,	353 40
" Secretaries' salaries and expenses,	1,795 73
" interest,	238 50
" insurance,	84 00
Other payments,	115 46
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	\$6,990 20

In addition to above \$50.00 has been received from German Church, Waterbury, and credited to Church Edifice Fund, and \$100.00 which is deposited in Savings Bank as E. H. Gardner Fund.

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS.

Collections at Convention,	\$ 39 83	
Meriden, Swedish,	11 86	
Geo. M. Morse, Putnam, Italian Chapel,	100 00	
Groton Heights,	10 21	
Interest, Rowayton Fund,	67 50	
Stratford, First,	50	
New Canaan,	1 00	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for Minutes,	7 00	
Waterbury, First,	61 81	
Noank,	50 00	
West Hartford,	5 00	
Danbury, New Hope,	1 00	
Norwalk, First,	20 00	
Hartford, Memorial,	10 00	
Ansonia, First,	106 65	
	<hr/>	\$492 36
Amount due Treasurer,		216 71
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Balance,		\$275 65

PRINTING ACCOUNT.

Received from Woman's Home Mission Society,	\$ 5 00	
" " Foreign Missionary Society,	7 00	
" " Education Society,	26 00	
" " Cromwell Church,	1 00	
" " Current Funds,	314 40	
	<hr/>	\$353 40
Paid Adkins Printing Co.,	\$ 17 65	
" The Smith-Linsley Co.,	328 00	
" The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.,	7 75	
	<hr/>	\$353 40

PUTNAM CHAPEL FUND FOR COLORED CHURCHES.

Amount at last report,	\$441 73	
Interest added,	3 92	
	<hr/>	\$445 65
Paid Messiah Church, Bridgeport,	100 00	
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Balance,		\$345 65

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CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Amount at last report,	\$326 00
Received, German Church, Waterbury,	50 00
" interest,	13 31
	<hr/> \$389 31

CENTENNIAL FUND.

Amount previously reported,	\$5,586 23
Received this year,	25 00
	<hr/> \$5,611 23

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts and securities in the hands of W. F. Walker, Treasurer of Connecticut Baptist State Convention, and found same to be as stated in his report.

ALFRED SPENCER, Jr., Auditor.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS HELD BY CONVENTION.

Income all going to Convention or to various Churches.

C. H. CHAPMAN FUND.

	Cost.	Rate.	Mar. Val.	Inc.
15 shares New Britain National Bank,	\$2,250	8	\$2,325	\$127.50
2,000 City of Columbus, O., bonds, due 1913,		4½		
1,000 Potomac Valley R. R. Co., due 1941,	3,225	4½	3,280	135.00
Deposit in Savings Bank,	750		750	30.00
R. E. Mortgage, Washington Co., Col.,	275		275	
Mortgage note forwarded for collection,				
	<hr/> \$6,500		<hr/> \$6,630	<hr/> \$300.00

C. H. SHELDON FUND.

R. E. Mortgage in Wethersfield,	\$500	5	\$500	\$25.00
Appraised value, \$1,000.				

MARTHA ROGERS FUND.

R. E. Mortgage, Sioux Co., Neb.,	\$400	5	\$400	
Collateral loan, R. & E., N. Y., S. R. & L. Co.,	100	5	100	\$5.00
	<hr/> \$500		<hr/> \$500	<hr/> \$5.00

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ALMIRA O. CONE FUND.

	Cost.	Rate.	Mar. Val.	Inc.
4,000 City of Columbus, O., bonds, .	\$4,300	4½	\$4,324	\$180.00
Loan on City Bank Stock, . . .	500	5	500	
Real estate mortgage, Greely Co., Col., .	200	7	325	
	\$5,000		\$5,049	\$180.00

One-half to Convention.

Income of above funds goes to Convention, \$420.00

DUNHAM FUND.

5 shares Hartford National Bank, .	\$ 500	7	\$ 650	\$ 32.50
4,000 Potomac Valley R. R. Co., due 1941,	4,000	4½	4,224	160.00
	\$4,500		\$4,874	\$192.50

Income of this fund goes to Willington, Mansfield, and Andover.

ESTHER N. FRANCIS FUND.

4 shares Farmers and Mechanics Nat'l Bank, Hartford,	\$400	6	\$428	\$22.00
Real estate mortgage in New Britain, High street,	500	5	500	25.00
	\$900		\$928	\$47.00

Income goes to Wethersfield Church.

ANN M. MAY FUND.

Note secured by collateral R. & E. Mfg. S. R. & L. Co.,	\$500	5	\$500	\$25.00
Income goes to Wethersfield Church.				

ALFRED FRANCIS FUND.

Real estate mortgage, Wethersfield, .	\$1,100	5	\$1,100	\$55.00
Note secured by collateral, R. & E. N. Y., S. R. & L.,	400	5	400	20.00
	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$75.00

Income goes to Wethersfield Church.

ANNA E. MILLER FUND.

10 shares First Nat'l Bank, Stonington,	\$1,000	8	\$1,000	\$80.00
Income to Pendleton Hill Church.				

A. E. PHELPS FUND.

	Cost.	Rate.	Mar. Val.	Inc.
Real estate mortgage, Kansas,	\$500		\$500	\$25.00
Income to North Colebrook Church.				

SARAH M. FRISBIE FUND.

1,000 Cincinnati, Dayton & Ironton,				
R. R. bond,	\$1,000	5	\$1,080	\$50.00
Income to Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Conn.				

ROWAYTON FUND.

Real estate mortgage, Springfield,				
Mo.,	\$2,250	5		\$195.00
Mortgage on North Stanley street,				
New Britain,	1,000	5		50.00
Income to Rowayton Church.				
Fuller & Ballard fund,			\$400	
Loan to H. L. Lankton, Wethersfield,		5	\$400	\$20

E. H. GARDNER FUND.

Deposit in Savings Bank,	\$100	4	\$100	\$4.00
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JAS. W. MANNING FUND.

Deposit in Putnam Savings Bank,	\$500	4		\$20.00
Income payable to South Woodstock Church.				

FIRST SAYBROOK FUND.

9 shares Phoenix Insurance Co.				
8 shares Aetna Insurance Co.				
2 shares Hartford Insurance Co.				
3 shares National Insurance Co.				
1 share Connecticut Fire Insurance Co.				
Deposit Deep River Savings Bank,			\$324	21
Income to First Saybrook Church.				

The Convention also holds the title to the following church property: New Hartford, German of Bridgeport, Shelton, Winsted, Meriden Swedish, Torrington, West Hartford, New Canaan, and lot on Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, and mortgages for \$1,000 on New Britain Swedish Church, and \$650 on German of Waterbury.

The Convention pays the interest on mortgage of German Bridgeport, \$148.50 annually, and on mortgage on Shelton Church \$82.50 annually.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

- Andover* — Rev. C. N. Nichols, Rev. C. H. Hands, Mrs. Phillips.
Ansonia, First — Rev. W. D. McKinney, Dea. W. H. Fielding, Geo. Gunning, Thos. W. Wentworth, Chas. F. Jones.
Ansonia, Macedonia — Rev. M. R. Roscoe.
Bloomfield — Rev. A. B. Todd, Mrs. A. B. Todd, Mrs. A. A. Mills.
Bozrah — Rev. C. H. Peckham, Mrs. Peckham.
Branford — F. B. Ward, Mrs. F. B. Ward, G. Hosley, Mrs. J. Fowler.
Bridgeport, First — J. Harry Crossley, George G. Goulden, Mrs. Geo. G. Goulden, O. H. Highland, Theo. T. Phillips.
Bridgeport, Second — Rev. Elmer E. Loux, John W. Barnes, Charles W. Beers, William R. Atkins, William R. Miller.
Bridgeport, Messiah — Rev. W. N. Morton.
Bristol — Rev. Henry Clarke, Mrs. Henry Clarke, George Grant, Mrs. George Grant, W. L. Hart.
Brooklyn — Rev. F. P. Braman, Mrs. F. P. Braman, T. D. Pond, Jane Bolles, Riley B. Wittee.
Canton — Rev. J. W. Higgins, Mrs. J. W. Higgins.
Chester — Rev. Maurice Stadtfeld, Mrs. H. E. Williams, Mrs. E. Barry.
Clinton — Rev. S. W. Delzell, Mrs. E. R. Bacon, Mrs. J. W. Buck.
Colchester — Rev. C. J. Ramsey, Miss S. J. Smith.
Colebrook — Rev. J. C. Gavin, Mrs. J. C. Gavin.
Cromwell — Rev. W. V. Gray, Mrs. E. T. Johnson, Miss Sybil Root.
Danbury, Second — Dea. J. Amsbury, Dea. E. S. Fairchild, Mrs. F. L. Butler.
Danbury, New Hope — Rev. T. W. Garnett.
Danielson — Rev. F. S. Bacon, George L. Cook, Jr., Miss Westcott.
Deep River — Rev. W. S. Roberts, D.D., Mrs. W. S. Roberts, Rev. J. N. Chase.
East Cornwall — F. A. Whitcomb, Mrs. F. A. Whitcomb, Amy M. Hoffman.
Eastford — Rev. Geo. L. Chamberlain, Mrs. Geo. L. Chamberlain.
Easton — Rev. R. Sherman, Mrs. Cornelia A. W. Silliman.
Essex — Rev. W. G. Thomas, Mrs. W. G. Thomas, Joseph H. Pratt, Mrs. Joseph H. Pratt, Mrs. Alice Tyler.
Greenwich — Rev. E. T. Irwin.
Groton, First — Rev. A. J. Chandler.
Groton Heights — Rev. L. B. Sears, Dea. Frederick Gallup, Miss Mattie Denison.

- Hartford*, Asylum Ave. — Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Dea. Edward V. Preston, Dea. John L. Denison, Dea. John Gemmill, C. E. Prior.
- Hartford*, Memorial — Rev. H. M. Thompson, H. H. Dickinson, G. E. Moses, J. McGregor.
- Hartford*, Olivet — Rev. S. G. Hastings, Fred Guild, Miss Barrows.
- Hartford*, Shiloh — Rev. S. W. Smith, J. H. Ellis.
- Hartford*, South — Rev. Thos. G. Wright, Dea. F. A. Carey, Elisha B. Squires, Mrs. S. L. Attleton, Mrs. R. C. Northam, Jr.
- Hartford*, Swede — Rev. John Friborg, C. A. Jasperson.
- Hartford*, Union — Rev. Walter Gay.
- Jewett City* — Rev. John W. Payne, William R. Palmer, Herbert E. Payne.
- Mansfield* — Rev. Leonard Smith.
- Meriden*, First — Edward Miller, John Ives, Mrs. John Ives, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Seth J. Hall, Mrs. Seth J. Hall, W. C. Twiss, Miss Florence Cooke.
- Meriden*, Main Street — Rev. C. J. Greenwood, Miss Louisa Miller, Mrs. Sibley, Miss Tilly Chapman.
- Meriden*, Swede — Rev. W. Kohler.
- Middletown* — Rev. H. A. Morgan, Wm. J. Trevithick, E. B. Fall, Dea. Samuel Stevens, Mrs. Samuel Stevens, Mrs. E. W. Johnson.
- Milford* — Rev. W. A. Harrod.
- Montville* — Mrs. D. D. Lyon, Miss Grace Hooper, Miss Lucretia Hurlburt, Mrs. W. I. Browning.
- Moosup* — Rev. E. Sanderson, Mrs. E. Sanderson, Miss Annie Cranska.
- Mystic* — Rev. B. U. Hatfield, R. P. Wilbur, Mrs. R. P. Wilbur, E. T. Wilcox, Mrs. E. T. Wilcox.
- New Britain*, First — Rev. J. H. Strong, E. M. Wightman, Rev. L. S. Johnson, Mrs. T. A. Wooster, Mrs. John Coats, Miss Addie Lyman.
- New Britain*, German — Rev. P. A. Friedericksen.
- New Britain*, Swede — Rev. J. E. Klinberg.
- New Haven*, Calvary — Rev. G. H. Ferris, Mrs. G. H. Ferris, Rev. D. W. Phelps, Dea. Merrill Loomis, F. R. Bliss, Mrs. F. R. Bliss, Rev. Marco Mazzuca, Dea. Giles Potter, Miss Susan E. Alling, Dea. DeWitt Weed, Mrs. Kate M. C. Johnson, Chas. P. Walker, Miss Grace E. Walker, Mrs. E. C. Cole.
- New Haven*, First — Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., Mrs. E. C. Sage.
- New Haven*, German — Rev. Otto Koenig, Anton Eichmann, William Schnessler, Wm. Sass.
- New Haven*, Grand Ave. — Rev. E. A. Stone, Dea. J. P. Merrow, Dea. Geo. I. Sturges, Geo. Rees.
- New Haven*, Howard Ave. — Rev. Geo. B. Cutten, Mrs. W. H. Elkins, Mrs. C. H. Lewis.
- New Milford* — Rev. A. H. Manee, Mrs. A. H. Manee, W. C. Hine, Mrs. W. C. Hine.

- New Haven*, Olivet.—Rev. W. H. Bawden, Mrs. W. H. Bawden, Mrs. E. R. Lawrence, Mrs. E. H. Perkins, Mrs. J. H. Trowbridge.
- New Haven*, Swede.—Rev. Emil Friborg.
- New London*, First.—Rev. Franklin G. McKeever, Dea. James Newcomb, Dea. Charles A. Benjamin, Charles B. Greene, Richard W. Mansfield, Mrs. F. W. Smith, Mrs. Aborn Smith.
- New London*, Huntington Street.—Rev. J. A. Elder, Miss Mary L. Potter, Mrs. Allen Penhallow, Mrs. Alice Parker, Mrs. H. G. Holmes, Miss Elizabeth Kimberley.
- Niantic*—Rev. C. F. Eldridge, Dea. W. H. Mosier, Fred A. Beckweth, J. E. Clark.
- Noank*—Rev. E. E. Gates, Mrs. D. W. Chester, Miss Mary Burrows, Miss Phoebe Wilcox, Mrs. D. Halloran.
- North Lyme*—Rev. C. C. Luther, Mrs. C. C. Luther, Mrs. C. S. Jewett, Mrs. Wm. Sisson, Miss Emily J. Stark.
- North Stonington*—Rev. H. V. Baker, E. E. Coon, A. Palmer.
- Norwalk*, First.—Rev. D. W. T. Van Dorn, M. W. Silliman, Mrs. M. W. Silliman, Charles Yost.
- Norwalk*, Grace.—Rev. D. C. Thomas.
- Norwich*, First.—Rev. H. E. Wise, Mrs. H. E. Wise, Charles Peale, Mrs. Charles Peale, Mrs. Hannah Cranston, Rev. C. C. Frost.
- Norwich*, Third.—Rev. George Sauer, Dea. T. A. Perkins.
- Norwich*, Central.—Rev. P. C. Wright, Mrs. Levi Meech, J. M. Young, Mrs. J. M. Young, Mrs. Joseph Burdick, Mrs. J. H. Davis.
- Old Lyme*—Rev. J. R. Very.
- Packerville*—Rev. J. G. Ward, Mrs. J. G. Ward, Dea. J. L. Chapman, Mrs. C. York, Miss Myra Adams.
- Plainville*—Rev. J. C. Duncanson, A. H. Condell.
- Plantsville*—Rev. G. H. Gardner, Mrs. G. H. Gardner, Mrs. William Hunter, Mrs. G. R. Bond, J. Bond, Mrs. J. Bond, Mrs. J. Baldwin, Walter Pratt, Mrs. Walter Pratt, Miss Anita M. Lewis.
- Poquonock Bridge*—Rev. F. H. Cooper.
- Preston City*—Rev. N. B. Prindle, Dea. C. S. Woodmansee, Mrs. C. S. Woodmansee.
- Putnam*—Geo. M. Morse, Mrs. Geo. M. Morse, Fred Lovering, Mrs. Fred Lovering, Clarence Pierce, Mrs. Clarence Pierce, Mrs. J. B. Kent, Geo. W. Carver, Mrs. Geo. W. Carver.
- Rockville*—Rev. G. D. Gould, Mrs. G. D. Gould, Dea. Wm. Herskell, E. J. Dunn.
- Scott Hill*—Rev. O. M. Price, Wm. E. Mixer, Mrs. Angie Price.
- Shelton*—Rev. T. A. T. Hanna.
- South Norwalk*—Rev. H. B. Carpenter, Mrs. H. P. Morgan, Dea. Jno. Bogardus, H. C. Sherer, M.D.
- South Windsor*—Rev. F. S. Leathers, Wm. Gennings, Wm. B. Parmlee.
- South Woodstock*—Rev. Daniel Cooksley, Albert Williams, E. T. Perkins.

- Stamford*, First — Rev. George Braker, Jr., Mrs. George Braker, Jr., Mrs. Theo. Miller, Mrs. A. W. Paradise.
- Stamford*, Italian — Rev. Pasquale R. DeCarlo, Nicola Collini, Salvatore Sprochero.
- Sterling* — Rev. Earl Darrow, Dea. J. S. Jones.
- Stratfield* — Rev. T. G. Denchfield, Homer B. Sturges.
- Stratford*, Pilgrim — Rev. C. T. Martin, G. W. Fowlkes.
- Suffield*, First — Rev. Harvey Linsley, Mrs. Harvey Linsley.
- Suffield*, Second — Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., Mrs. O. O. Fletcher, Martin H. Smith, H. L. Thompson.
- Tariffville* — Rev. H. A. Price, Mrs. H. A. Price, Mrs. M. Sanford.
- Thompson*, Center — Rev. O. W. Foye.
- Torrington* — Rev. P. S. Evans, Mrs. P. S. Evans, Mrs. C. H. Parker, Mrs. A. G. Lamb.
- Voluntown* — Rev. E. Dewhurst, Mrs. E. Dewhurst, Theodore Dewhurst.
- Warrenville* — Rev. G. C. Chappell, Mrs. G. C. Chappell, D. Mathewson, Mrs. D. Mathewson.
- Waterbury*, First — J. H. Tripp, Mrs. J. H. Tripp, Dea. D. L. Smith, A. J. Shipley, Mrs. A. J. Shipley, Wm. O'Neil, Mrs. J. H. Hawkins, Mrs. J. T. Trott, Warren Trott, Margaret McWhinnie.
- Waterbury*, Second — Rev. C. C. Smith, Mrs. C. C. Smith.
- Waterford*, First — John L. Payne, Harriet S. Payne, W. A. Palmer, Gertrude Manwaring.
- Waterford*, Second — Rev. J. Chester Hyde, Mrs. Julia Starr, Miss Nellie Starr, Mrs. S. A. Comstock.
- West Hartford* — Rev. H. R. Traver, Dea. Charles Millard, Mrs. J. C. Porter.
- Wethersfield* — Rev. W. P. Elsdon, Mrs. W. P. Elsdon.
- Willington* — Rev. C. L. Snow.
- Willimantic* — Rev. E. A. Bowen, Dr. E. G. Sumner, Mrs. E. G. Sumner, Mrs. Charles Martin, Mrs. N. W. French, Miss Ada M. Bowen, Fayette Goss, P. W. Thompson.
- Winsted* — Rev. F. D. Elmer, Mrs. F. D. Elmer, Mrs. J. K. Smith, Mrs. C. A. Deming, Anna E. Norton.

STATISTICS
OF
CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Special Notes.

In compiling these statistics, the Secretary has, in some instances, estimated the number of resident members, and the average attendance on the Sunday-school.

Expenses of Young People's Societies are added in with Sunday-school expenses. The benevolence of these societies is reckoned in the column of "Young People's Benevolence."

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.				Pres't Condition.		Sunday-school.			Value of Church Property Free of Debt.				
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Emissure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrol'd	Men.		Women.	Total Enrol'd	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.
Andover.....	1826	C. N. Nichols.....	'60	Edgar D. White.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	6	14	35	13	.....	\$ 6,000
Brooklyn.....	1828	F. P. Brannan.....	'02	Theo. D. Pond.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	29	41	35	40	4	7,500
Danielson.....	1874	Thos. S. Bacon.....	'02	Lester B. Arnold.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	121	55	20	218	40	4	12,000
Eastford.....	1794	C. L. Chamberlain.....	'02	Chas. A. Rice.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	18	20	66	30	2	3,600
Killingly, East.....	1776	.....	'02	H. N. Collins.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	4	22	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Mansfield.....	1809	Leonard Smith.....	'89	L. J. Storrs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	10	30	45	18	.....	3,600
Putnam.....	1847	.....	'02	Louis E. Law.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	93	180	201	104	4	29,000
Stafford.....	1809	.....	'02	H. C. Thresher.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	13	27	74	40	3	2,900
Thompson, Center.....	1846	O. W. Foye.....	'01	Stephen Ballard.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	113	34	51	134	65	15	12,500
Thompson, East.....	1846	Samuel Thatcher.....	'96	A. T. Bixby.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	8	20	25	19	.....	2,500
Warrenville.....	1848	G. C. Chappell.....	'94	Z. B. Bicknell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	18	34	48	28	.....	4,000
Westford.....	1884	C. L. Chamberlain.....	'02	A. G. Barlow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	86	18	30	16	.....	2,500
Williamantic.....	1828	Everett A. Bowen.....	'00	W. N. Potter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103	25	55	153	87	2	3,500
Willington.....	1828	C. L. Snow.....	'00	Estelle I. Pratt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	25	34	146	22	.....	4,000
Woodstock, South.....	1794	Daniel Cooksey.....	'01	Arthur Williams.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	14	22	36	24	.....	5,400
Woodstock, West.....	1766	W. L. Atherton.....	'97	Jude P. Gage.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	Churches, 16.....	Pastors.....	12.....	29	7	3	36	46	4	28	21	1,821	446	762	1,436	751	36	\$130,500

* Including South Willington.

† Last report.

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CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.											Money Raised for all Purposes.		
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.		Sunday- School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.
Andover.....	\$ 697 83	\$ 19 28	\$13 75	\$13 00	\$13 25	\$ 3 50	\$ 3 00	\$22 00	\$123 00	\$ 8 00	\$10 00	\$ 2 63		\$ 8 00	108 00	\$ 96 06
Brooklyn.....	1,666 00	129 53	30 21			41 45	43 17	16 90	\$73 00	5 48	263 31	8 00		20 00	368 31	2,031 11
Danialson.....	351 00	13 29	10 00	4 37	5 63			7 00	2 24		401 41		\$ 2 63	5 25	37 12	401 41
Eastford.....	16 00															16 00
Killingly, East.....	488 57	13 06	4 50	3 50	12 50	15 00	22 50	35 80	82 27				2 00		99 30	593 08
Mansfield.....	2,018 94		38 95	65 75	69 28	75 00	109 00	86 00	82 27		\$3 65	22 00	14 00	31 00	589 90	2,608 84
Punam.....	687 34	69 22	5 00	8 70	10 00	10 00	10 00			8 20					43 00	772 22
Stafford.....	322 00	8 35	10 40	19 00	28 00	20 00	28 00	17 76							132 26	476 26
Thompson, Center.....	322 00				10 00										10 00	320 35
Warrenton.....	223 33	36 54	2 55	2 66	19 35	13 25	13 25	3 30	2 00	1 80	1 80				46 71	905 58
Westford.....	263 79		5 00	3 00	3 00								2 00		13 00	276 79
Willimantic.....	3,202 32	170 51	47 35	45 13	147 25	43 00	67 10	81 50		23 06	3 64	44 00		11 80	13 83	3,886 66
Wilmington.....	1,039 35	*41 35	14 00	10 75	31 50	12 75		*15 00	*11 60				16 04		118 64	1,199 34
Woodstock, South.....	876 00		8 00	4 00	3 00	7 90	7 91	30 00							60 81	936 81
Woodstock, West.....	471 50	18 31				8 00	7 00	7 50							22 50	512 31
Totals.....	\$ 13,471 97	\$ 519 34	187 16	177 95	335 73	265 95	320 93	316 76	223 61	46 54	8 09	84 00	36 67	83 05	2,067 54	16,057 75

* Including South Willington School.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.					Pres't Condition.			Sunday-school.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.				
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Fracture.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrol'd	Men.	Women.		Average Attendance.	Total Enrol'd	Added to Church	
Bridgeport, First	1837	G. W. Nicholson .. '94	Geo. H. Noble ..	40	39	2	.....	15	4	1	10	51	.....	625	*220	*315	392	266	.....	25,000
" " Second	1837	H. E. F. C. Curney ..	Frank C. Curney ..	2	7	23	1	4	241	14	157	199	134	6	25,000
" " German	1838	H. E. F. C. Dietz ..	John Reif ..	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4	.....	3	.....	55	21	34	46	35	.....	6,700
" " Immanuel	1838	A. W. Bronson ..	J. M. Shaw ..	1	3	1	15	109	25	50	86	70	1	4,450
" " Messiah	1838	W. N. Morton ..	Ross H. Farrar ..	1	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	40	65	107	70	.....	11,200
" " Swede	1838	Thomas Claflord ..	A. H. Ahlberg ..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	*55	*108	265	10	.....	9,000
Danbury, New Hope	1866	T. H. Garnett ..	H. D. Kearney ..	2	1	6	.....	4	2	.....	.....	3	.....	42	18	25	80	50	.....	9,000
" " Second	1796	A. C. Hubbard, D.D. '68	M. L. Barber ..	4	2	6	2	2	12	9	492	*68	*130	362	132	4	5,700
Easton	1831	R. H. Sherman ..	C. S. Everett ..	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	36	20	22	68	29	.....	5,300
Greenwich	1897	T. L. Dibble ..	Theo. Fenwick ..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	20	22	68	29	.....	5,300
New Canaan	1873	A. E. Vance ..	S. Couch ..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	20	22	68	29	.....	5,300
Newtown	1814	E. C. T. Bagley ..	N. Bagley ..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	20	22	68	29	.....	5,300
Norwalk, First	1837	DeW. T. Vaudon ..	N. Hatfield ..	5	1	12	63	19	35	70	41	1	2,400
" " Second	1837	DeW. T. Vaudon ..	N. Hatfield ..	10	1	41	17	24	45	25	1	2,400
Rovington	1850	F. C. Brown ..	H. H. Evers ..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	40	*70	113	60	.....	5,583
South Norwalk	1850	H. B. Carpenter ..	H. C. Sherer, M.D. ..	1	2	30	16	45	93	66	5,100
Stamford	1773	Geo. Braker, Jr. ..	E. S. Waterbury ..	2	4	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	309	*100	310	200	.....	6,000
" " Italian	1902	P. R. DeCarlo ..	Nicola Colini ..	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	5	1	24	343	.....	6,000
" " Union	1891	H. O. Harris ..	Burr Hawley ..	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	17	6	55	46	.....	3,000
Stepney	1848	T. G. Denchfield ..	Geo. H. Storgis ..	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	9	21	65	45	.....	2,300
Stratfield	1751	J. W. Ford ..	D. E. Johnson ..	4	1	5	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	24	54	73	40	.....	5,000
White Hills	1838	A. A. Bickford ..	Geo. Drew	53	15	30	85	28	4	9,000
Totals.....Churches, 23	Pastors.....21	98	83	43	4	96	220	16	44	148	3,278	939	1,802	2,325	1,426	25	337,333

* Estimated by Secretary.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised for all Purposes.			
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.		Other Objects.	Sunday School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.
Bridgeport, First	\$2,686 23	\$779 83	\$8 05	\$176 15	\$104 57	\$229 22	\$191 78	\$306 82	.....	\$46 97	\$161 20	\$123 27	\$64 7	\$4 00	\$10,052 69	\$278 75
" Second	1,653 53	150 00	32 51	36 16	39 57	.....	.....	75 00	.....	26 88	12 57	11 40	9 24	.....	245 66	2,049 19
" German	449 77	23 70	17 10	22 85	21 06	.....	.....	14 00	5 00	7 15	6 35	5 00	10 50	15 00	123 95	597 42
" Immanuel	977 58	85 92	1 48	1 50	1 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 48	.....	.....	.....	5 94	1,060 44
" Messiah	251 50	60 00	15 00	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	1 00	3 25	75 15	.....	5 94	1,060 44
" Swede	1,098 00	50 00	.....	5 00	18 00	.....	5 82	.....	12 65	.....	.....	237 60	212 17	.....	113 90	425 40
Danbury, New Hope	\$51 00	\$ 00	1 00	3 00	14 72	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	50 00	.....	25 72	581 72
Easton	\$354 98	\$198 91	40 00	33 00	37 00	13 00	13 00	22 11	5 00	2 00	2 00	30 00	50 00	34 40	282 51	1,530 70
Greenwich	602 00	14 93	4 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 92	650 85
New Canaan	200 50	.....	15 00	5 50	5 50	16 00	31 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50	228 00
New Milford	703 90	40 02	18 00	5 50	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	5 00	10 00	8 00	3 50	42 02	142 77	886 75
Norwalk, Grace	449 20	15 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	40 10	449 20
" First	3,687 34	135 56	.....	17 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	38 30	3,555 20
Rowayton	858 01	90 77	.....	13 76	33 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	20 00	70 20	1,028 04
South Norwalk	3,024 20	232 74	20 49	200 00	100 00	92 58	109 00	56 00	.....	49 91	49 91	51 00	35 39	55 77	779 14	4,030 08
Stamford, First	4,355 43	109 03	70 03	51 17	112 75	146 00	237 42	76 03	15 60	.....	24 87	203 55	228 44	32 79	1,575 00	5,720 20
" Italian	*200 00	8 25	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....
" Union	353 00	40 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	15 00	68 00	125 00	515 00
Stepney	1,378 00	35 00	10 00	16 50	8 73	15 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	13 15	10 00	.....	15 18	113 56	1,526 56
Stratfield	803 00	.....	4 80	8 88	8 88	15 00	21 50	.....	12 86	.....	4 00	15 00	.....	26 72	90 92	893 92
" First	*200 00	*15 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	216 50
" White Hills	410 50	*15 00	10 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	461 50
Totals	\$39,005 65	1,539 56	1,095 66	599 72	869 39	482 05	556 03	492 36	48 78	96 53	329 35	858 62	1,377 11	367 90	7,144 38	46,995 47

* Estimated by Secretary. † \$6,420 paid on church debt. ‡ Pastor's salary paid by Convention and Home Mission Society.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.				Pres't Condition.		Sunday-school.		Value of Church or Property free of Debt.				
			Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Treasurer.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled		Average Attendance.			
Bantam	1890	Edgar F. Wedge	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	13	34	15	.....	\$
Bloomfield	1786	A. B. Todd	A. Kelly .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	12	17	54	39	4,500
Bristol	1791	Wm. W. Russell.	17	10	.....	.....	13	1	.....	.....	.....	453	131	234	350	.....	25,000
Canton	1787	J. W. Higgins .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2	.....	59	30	3,500
Colebrook, North	1794	J. C. Gavin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	3	4	.....	.....	1,900
Colebrook, South	1838	J. A. Moore .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	9	14	80	34	2,500
Cornwall, East	1786	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	12	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Cornwall Hollow	1843	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	12	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Hartford, Asylum Ave.	1872	G. M. Stone, D.D. '79	C. F. Gordon	7	3	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	264	72	148	159	109	51,000
Hartford, First	1790	Harold Pattison	C. P. Cladding	32	14	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1200	326	674	244	24	100,000
Hartford, Memorial	1884	E. W. Thompson	C. A. O. Dole	8	3	2	.....	15	4	.....	.....	261	152	236	174	8	20,000
Hartford, Olivet	1896	S. G. Hastings	'02 Alfred A. Guild.	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	25	40	165	90	5
Hartford, Shiloh	1900	S. W. Smith	'01 J. A. Wood	5	3	40	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	189	50	70	75	60	2
Hartford, South	1834	.....	6	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	533	159	283	228	125	4
Hartford, Swede	1888	John Friberg	W. C. Augur	4	15	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	97	22	47	48	42	9,000
Hartford, Union	1872	Walter Gay	John Erickson	48	1	27	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	237	139	150	145	80	11
New Britain, First	1868	J. H. Strong	H. S. Johnson	4	3	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	500	133	267	444	212	4
New Britain, German	1883	P. A. Friedricksen	W. F. Walker	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	52	65	73	60	5
New Britain, Swede	1883	J. E. Klingberg	Rud. A. Meyer	11	5	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	137	10	20	39	20	7,000
New Hartford*	1899	.....	Edward Peterson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137	10	20	39	20	4,500
Plainville	1852	J. C. Duncan	Jas. E. Stanley	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	20	26	78	34	5,800
Plainville	1852	J. C. Duncan	A. H. Bondell	8	.....	.....	.....	3	4	.....	.....	113	30	63	134	80	7
South Windsor	1822	D. D. Bondell	L. Bosely	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	13	20	68	37	2
South Windsor	1823	F. S. Leathers	A. E. Stiles	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	23	40	25	20	6,500
Southfield, First	1769	Harvey Linsley	P. F. Hastings	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	100	171	144	96	6
Southfield, Second	1805	O. O. Fletcher, D.D. '99	Martin H. Smith	6	3	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	6	400	100	171	144	30,000
Tariffville	1833	H. A. Price	J. A. Allison	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	37	65	30	2	5,000
Torrington, Calvary	1896	P. S. Evans	Mrs. M. S. Parker	10	11	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	114	37	65	30	2	5,000
West Hartford	1857	H. R. Traver, Supply	Benj. Desjardins	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	19	25	40	33	7
Wethersfield	1782	.....	I. A. Elsdon	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	19	25	40	33	6,000
Winsted	1890	Franklin D. Elmer '01	Clifford L. Marsh	25	7	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	46	19	25	40	33	7
Totals	Pastors	178	108	81	7	93	12	26	59	4,995	1,457	2,205	4,048	3,041	111	\$508,500

* No returns.

† Estimated by Secretary.

‡ Last returns.

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CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Total Benevolence.	Money Raised For all Purposes.		
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support Church Poor.			Other Objects.	Sunday-school Benevolence.
Bantam	\$ 112 63	\$ 16 00	\$ 5 00													\$ 19 31
Bloomfield	737 63	28 96	6 05													43 30
Bristol	4,600 45	349 91	80 00	\$ 82 00	\$10 00	\$60 30	\$54 00	\$73 00	\$45 00	\$32 90		\$4 00	\$48 63	\$15 00	\$10 25	538 15
Canton	394 00	15 00		2 50	2 53	2 53	2 00		1 00			30 00		11 57	11 75	58 51
Colebrook, North	163 02		1 50	2 00	2 00											6 93
Colebrook, South	197 00	6 00	4 04	5 56	6 75									2 00		5 50
Cornwall, East	187 70	16 34	5 55	3 00	3 00				1 00	8 32						221 35
Cornwall, West																224 91
Hartford, Asylum Ave	5,489 21	203 81	293 99	152 82	186 31	67 00	67 00	120 00	45 70		\$1 00		16 63	60 00	20 00	1,023 62
Hartford, First	8,090 00	494 00	1,450 00	325 00	1,000 00	80 00	80 00	65 00	476 00	100 00	130 00	10 00	488 00	1,062 00	152 00	5,098 00
Hartford, Memorial	2,429 78	189 81	30 70	49 95	32 75	15 00	15 00	25 00	54 63		23 95	3 47	98 20	102 79	38 75	2,989 98
Hartford, Olivet	1,101 00	60 00	11 96	16 35	12 11				13 20		2 69	13 64	14 00	21 97	7 00	110 05
Hartford, Shiloh	861 00	20 00		25 00				5 00	1 00	1 00			10 00	42 00		84 00
Hartford, Sweden	5,313 84	321 39	178 13	188 56	402 46	63 25	75 76	75 76	191 50	33 25	33 25		106 25	96 27		1,938 68
Hartford, Union	1,298 87	20 56	35 00		38 00				21 20				69 80	18 84		1,82 84
Hartford, United	1,167 85	224 10	9 42	45 20					9 00				19 80		14 36	1,499 43
New Britain, First	4,900 00	320 27	50 00	131 23									25 54	105 23		512 93
New Britain, German	1,264 14	205 00	12 15	55 20	69 33				16 00	28 25	12 54		20 00	213 49		1,682 63
New Britain, Swedish	1,819 89	64 68	11 07	18 74	25 73						4 89		21 00	17 31		1,983 31
New Hartford																
Plainville	1,127 00	44 81	3 00			18 00	20 00									1,210 21
Rockville	1,150 73	118 92	7 00	9 25	8 00	6 40	6 40	75 49			5 54			46 86	9 70	1,78 64
South Windsor	724 00	25 14	9 00	9 00	14 00	8 45	7 00				9 25				5 00	62 60
Suffield, First	771 50	6 80	15 00	16 00	44 58	11 50		10 00		6 00		3 25				884 63
Suffield, Second	2,893 00	137 44	40 25	54 00	78 75	217 00	190 88	50 91				30 15	392 00		41 00	1,094 34
Tariffville	701 00	19 00	15 00	3 00	3 00											744 00
Torrington, Calvary	1,191 00	140 90	32 40	25 00	25 00	17 12	22 12				3 00	5 00	16 00		46 11	1,933 75
West Hartford	1,626 24		5 00	10 00	15 00				2 50	4 50						1,825 65
Wethersfield	729 95		5 00		5 00	3 00										783 95
Whitstead	1,878 43	191 62	7 34	5 38	5 38	5 00			10 00	3 67	1 71	1 96	33 30	10 76	57 02	2,211 57
Totals	\$5,011 54	3,349 46	2,076 57	1,154 41	2,175 23	565 72	622 16	999 93	205 64	326 34	239 15	1,379 13	1,506 37	595 57	1,164 99	73
																\$5,212 24

* No returns.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.				Decrease.				Pres't Condition.		Sunday-school.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Expense.	Restoration.	Letter.	Fracture.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled.	Attended Church.	
Ansonia, First.....	1874	W. D. McKinney.	'84	16	4	2	4	4	1	1	2	14	...	287	196	\$ 26,000
Ansonia, Macedonia.....	1860	W. M. Roscoe.	'00	2	4	2	7	6	1	1	2	2	...	52	70	6,000
Branford.....	1837	Joseph McKean.	'97	5	1	1	1	4	...	...	...	2	...	114	60	8,000
Cheshire.....	1853	G. H. Gardner.	'97	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	5	5	5,000
Chester.....	1832	M. Stadfield.	'99	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	60	60	13,500
Clinton.....	1797	S. W. Delzell.	'99	3	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	76	164	1,000
Cromwell.....	1802	Walter V. Gray.	'97	3	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	35	35	6,000
Deep River.....	1839	W. S. Roberts.	'00	3	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	95	53	12,500
Eastford.....	1839	W. S. Roberts.	'00	3	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	137	130	12,000
Eastford, Second.....	1839	W. S. Roberts.	'00	3	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	114	65	14,000
Haddam (P. O. Shaltery).....	1822	A. J. Wilcox.	'00	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	5,000
Haddam, First.....	1822	A. A. Ashworth.	'00	9	5	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	323	373	20,000
Haddam, Second.....	1822	P. P. Knorr.	'01	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	169	9	20,000
" Main Street.....	1851	C. J. Greenwood.	'99	7	10	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	229	125	7,000
" Sweden.....	1861	Wm. Kohler.	'98	1	6	2	1	20	121	5	...	...	...	75	55	7,900
Middletown.....	1795	W. A. Harrod.	'01	9	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	273	173	25,000
Milford.....	1811	S. I. Child.	'02	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	40	3,000
Naugatuck.....	1811	E. R. Harris.	'02	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	137	135	7,500
New Britain.....	1816	G. H. Ferris.	'99	8	27	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	185	60	3,000
" Calvary.....	1816	E. C. Sage.	'99	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	863	385	110,000
" First.....	1816	E. C. Sage.	'99	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	281	109	8,500
" German.....	1871	E. W. Stone.	'09	10	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	320	120	20,500
" Grand Ave.....	1871	E. W. Stone.	'09	10	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	320	120	20,500
" Howard Ave.....	1891	Geo. E. Cullen.	'99	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	333	206	8,000
" Immanuel.....	1845	A. Clayton Powell.	'93	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	187	119	7,100
" Olivet.....	1845	Wm. H. Bawden.	'01	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	80	14,000
" Sweden.....	1882	Emil Friberg.	'01	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	45	5,000
Plantsville.....	1872	G. H. Gardner.	'01	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82	37	4,500
Shelton.....	1872	G. H. Gardner.	'01	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	4,000
Shelton (P. O. Windthrop).....	1872	T. A. Hanna.	'99	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	4,000
Shelton, Second.....	1872	T. A. Hanna.	'99	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	4,000
Southington.....	1798	James A. Clarke.	'97	35	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	128	85	14,000
Wallingford.....	1790	James A. Clarke.	'97	35	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	237	113	33,000
Waterbury, First.....	1803	C. C. Smith.	'98	12	14	4	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	521	249	75,000
Waterbury, German.....	1803	C. C. Smith.	'98	12	14	4	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	521	249	75,000
" Second.....	1803	C. C. Smith.	'98	12	14	4	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	521	249	75,000
Yalesville.....	1876	F. C. Lowry.	'02	10	3	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	77	8	7,000
Yalesville, Second.....	1876	F. C. Lowry.	'02	10	3	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	77	8	7,000
Totals.....	Churches, 35	Pastors, 27	...	210	161	23	143	184	234	50	100	38	...	5,026	3,427	\$56,100

* Estimated by Secretary.

† Including missions.

‡ Supply.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.			HOME EXPENSES.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										STATE CONVENTION.		Money Raised for all Purposes.	
Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benev.	Bible and Publicat'n Society.	Minister's Educat'n.	Min. and Wid. Fund.	Support of Church and Home.	Other Objects.	Sunday- School Benev.	Total Benev.	Total	Money Raised for all Purposes.			
Ansonia, First.....	\$242 36	\$505	59	\$90 00	\$38 76	\$38 76	\$41 00	\$15 00	.....	\$13 35	\$100 00	\$35 43	\$66 60	\$596 70	\$3,884 93			
" ".....	60 00	9 90	2 00	15 00	28 00	28 00	47 35	5 00	.....	4 00	5 00	18 00	15 00	40 00	1,830 00			
Branford.....	826 43	101 84	2 25	8 85	28 00	28 00	47 35	5 00	.....	4 35	4 35	18 00	7 77	66 50	994 77			
Cheshire.....	96 35	74 77	8 85	13 85	28 32	28 32	47 35	5 00	.....	4 35	4 35	18 00	7 77	66 50	994 77			
Clinton.....	1,248 00	74 77	8 85	13 85	28 32	28 32	47 35	5 00	.....	4 35	4 35	18 00	7 77	66 50	994 77			
Cromwell.....	719 29	29 02	8 85	24 75	27 17	27 17	31 50	11 61	.....	4 35	4 35	18 00	7 77	66 50	994 77			
Deep River.....	867 95	69 17	8 85	24 75	27 17	27 17	31 50	11 61	.....	4 35	4 35	18 00	7 77	66 50	994 77			
Essex.....	2,102 63	41 37	31 85	59 97	79 40	79 40	34 25	25 00	\$12 79	14 00	230 73	36 51	93 00	1,063 70					
Haddam.....	2,464 80	91 71	31 85	42 87	44 40	44 40	34 25	25 00	15 14	18 45	24 77	45 00	93 00	1,063 70					
Meriden, First.....	4,165 88	109 71	100 00	144 95	170 90	170 90	200 47	104 73	70 53	47 30	47 99	55 84	120 98	1,879 88	6,495 47				
" ".....	1,216 75	104 00	5 00	12 00	1 00	1 00	23 00	12 00	.....	5 00	5 00	14 25	37 00	105 45	1,421 20			
" ".....	2,786 51	136 56	18 00	12 00	52 40	52 40	60 00	38 30	.....	5 00	5 00	14 25	37 00	105 45	1,421 20			
Middletown.....	1,181 12	49 29	12 25	10 03	10 64	10 64	30 90	97 97	35 00	.....	12 30	100 16	106 46	120 45	3,162 96			
Milford.....	2,166 44	416 93	.....	50 00	.....	.....	30 90	97 97	35 00	.....	12 30	100 16	106 46	120 45	3,162 96
Montrose.....	1,154 00	40 23	5 00	16 00	46 97	31 49	30 00	98 46	.....	205 92	13 00	25 00	25 00	44 33	1,239 08			
Naugatuck.....	547 98	40 23	5 00	16 00	46 97	31 49	30 00	98 46	.....	205 92	13 00	25 00	25 00	44 33	1,239 08			
New Britain, Calvary.....	1,089 90	103 31	.....	193 39	557 09	557 09	108 00	200 00	.....	12 25	307 21	1,046 15	127 85	5 70	1,198 51		
" ".....	6,425 00	448 00	.....	138 25	69 40	69 40	95 50	72 74	.....	15 35	4 50	23 24	26 85	31 24	9,097 48		
" ".....	4,315 79	57 74	.....	20 00	360 59	360 59	101 59	206 44	.....	51 24	4 50	23 24	26 85	31 24	9,097 48		
" ".....	2,548 00	161 00	20 54	22 15	16 70	34 00	30 50	35 00	.....	6 00	6 00	53 00	60 00	889 02	1,979 41			
" ".....	1,300 00	117 00	10 00	9 00	25 00	19 00	19 00	.....	.....	.....	53 00	50 00	100 00	283 80	2,902 89	
" ".....	3,445 60	122 19	.....	12 02	.....	.....	19 00	.....	.....	.....	63 00	50 00	100 00	283 80	2,902 89
" ".....	1,753 00	.....	19 85	.....	18 00	13 90	13 90	14 36	.....	9 11	5 15	36 80	91 59	31 59	3,669 38	
Plantville.....	347 00	.....	29 00	.....	18 00	13 90	13 90	14 36	.....	9 11	5 15	36 80	91 59	31 59	3,669 38	
" ".....	439 17	.....	7 00	.....	7 63	14 75	14 75	7 00	.....	.....	5 00	33 75	29 16	170 46	1,923 46
Saybrook.....	22 86	10 05	3 22	7 00	13 30	7 63	14 75	7 00	.....	.....	5 00	33 75	29 16	170 46	1,923 46		
Shelton.....	429 33	209 51	10 00	22 00	11 00	22 00	35 00	105 46	20 75	.....	80 00	35 00	12 00	151 93	1,074 70			
Southington.....	860 00	209 51	10 00	22 00	11 00	22 00	35 00	105 46	20 75	.....	80 00	35 00	12 00	151 93	1,074 70			
Watertown.....	1,354 26	709 51	13 00	52 00	21 00	84 93	35 00	105 46	20 75	3 00	12 10	149 21	93 00	90 00	1,620 00				
Waterbury, First.....	3,055 00	117 29	124 39	100 87	93 70	61 88	74 50	22 62	28 03	54 00	10 00	107 52	135 00	702 84	4,459 18				
" ".....	4,296 79	9 25	.....	73 97	87 12	32 95	38 00	299 00	.....	30 00	18 00	906 31	31 49	1,789 70	8,576 46		
" ".....	1,225 06	106 15	15 35	4 36	5 66	.....	.....	9 31	.....	2 00	7 00	6 00	2 00	228 25	2,288 25	
Yalesville.....	895 00	45 00	.....	27 00	13 90	13 90	13 90	16 50	.....	3 00	7 00	6 00	5 00	43 68	1,934 59		
Totals.....	\$62,013 87	3,390 34	1,016 34	1,021 42	1,713 62	1,689 44	1,107 89	1,673 91	9,122 41	253 27	202 26	1,385 78	2,443 07	13,901 95	83,155 26				

* Includes \$1,928.65 for repairs.

† Including mission schools.

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CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.			Pres't Condition.		Sunday-school.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.		Total Enroll'd	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.
Bozrah (P. O. Leffingwell)	1831	C. H. Peckham .. '97	Lewis Ford.....	7	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	5	...	80	40	5	5,500
Chesterfield.....	1824	C. I. Ransom.....	F. R. Sherman, Jr.....	8	1	2	...	1	4	1	1	4	...	53	11	...	1,500
Colchester.....	1830	C. I. Ransom.....	Wm. E. Mixer.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109	36	30	3,240
Scott's Hill.....	1780	O. M. Price ..	Wm. E. Mixer.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	22	20	2,000
E. Haddam (P. O. Moodus)	1810	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	10	...	2,000
Fitchville.....	1837	R. E. Turner.....	W. D. Thatcher.....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	77	24	32	3,750
Lake's Pond.....	1842	Edward Cornet & ..	May A. Chappell.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	17	...	2,800
Lebanon.....	1805	R. E. Turner.....	N. C. Barker.....	2	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	178	43	80	4,000
Lyme, East.....	1769	C. M. Reed.....	Irvin E. Watrous.....	8	3	1	1	3	...	...	...	5	...	180	43	60	4,000
" " " " " "	1810	C. C. Luther.....	C. S. Jewett.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	39	49	4,000
" " " " " "	1842	J. K. Very.....	S. J. Smith.....	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	97	25	41	2,500
Montville, Union.....	1844	F. C. McKee.....	A. E. Hooper.....	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146	31	68	4,300
" " " " " "	1849	Joseph A. Elder.....	W. M. Slocum.....	12	8	2	2	2	39	...	...	7	...	497	185	17	7,000
" " " " " "	1843	C. F. Eldredge.....	Jas. A. Stanton.....	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	5	16	30,000
Niantic.....	1840	P. C. Wright.....	Geo. A. Smith.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	172	43	80	20,000
Norwich.....	1800	Herbert E. Wise.....	A. G. Thornton.....	6	4	...	...	8	3	...	...	...	...	695	314	441	7,600
" " " " " "	1871	J. F. Robinson.....	P. T. Young.....	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	168	74	275	49,683
" " " " " "	1845	Geo. C. Sauer.....	A. B. Maine.....	18	2	1	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	35	80	195	19,435
Quaker Hill.....	1835	J. Chester Hyde ..	Mrs. L. Comstock.....	6	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	122	35	45	1,850
Salem (P. O. G. dners L'ke)	1797	H. M. Wolfe, Jr.....	Stoddard.....	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	37	51	11,150
Waterford, First.....	1710	H. M. Wolfe, Jr.....	Park B. Smith.....	...	...	...	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	41	51	8	4,300
Totals.....	Churches, 23	Pastors,.....	16	123	48	8	5	54	49	1	52	28	4,122	2,860	1,414	90	\$196,898

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‡ Supply.

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	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.		Sunday- School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.
Bozrah	\$ 361 06	\$ 7 00	\$ 7 28	\$ 16 04	\$ 28 08	\$ 17 00	\$ 17 00	\$ 17 00	\$ 6 76	\$ 4 16	\$ 4 68	\$ 3 50	\$ 3 50	\$ 2 40	\$ 114 50	\$ 483 00
Chesterfield*	797 25	22 51	5 00	14 00				\$ 1 00				89 41	151 00	2 41	154 41	884 17
Colchester	7 77							24 70							24 70	32 47
East Haddam*																
Fitchville	609 92	15 45	5 00									\$ 10 00		4 75	9 75	635 12
Lake's Pond	200 00															200 00
Lebanon	703 00	23 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 30	5 75	20 70		5 50				4 00	54 70	780 70
Lyme, East	871 00	45 28	5 50	10 50	5 50	20 00	25 00	35 70	2 50		1 50				35 05	951 33
" North	502 00	28 02	19 00	19 00	19 00	20 00	25 00			5 00					120 20	670 22
" Old	827 00	15 00	8 00	2 00	2 00		5 00	1 00						12 33	20 50	862 30
Montville Union	3 00		1 50	3 04	3 12	26 30	28 14	20 00					14 00	15 00	111 76	1 026 58
New London, First	3 145 00	105 00	42 25	72 29	100 10	50 93	49 64	275 71	52 95	44 10	62 35	257 08	155 98	157 13	1 380 51	4 570 51
" Hunt'n St	1 755 00		20 00	28 25	28 25	70 20	58 00	90 75		9 50	9 50	35 75	100 45	54 35	508 00	2 263 00
" Shiloh*																
Niantic	924 00	142 25	11 52	10 34	13 62	10 75	15 60	6 27		3 00			15 55		86 14	1 152 39
Norwich, Central	5 162 45	243 00	100 00	170 00	100 00	88 88	80 00	447 98	50 00	60 00	80 00	169 15	478 28	341 31	2 105 60	7 511 11
" First	2 581 08	139 59	25 00	25 00	25 00	10 50	7 25		10 00	5 00	5 00	36 73	47 25		102 13	2 912 80
" Mt. Calvary	13 000 00	46 00		15 00					7 00			12 00	20 00		54 00	3 094 00
" Third	1 198 94	136 50	5 00	10 50	10 50	39 00	14 66			1 00	1 00	13 59	25 00	10 00	130 15	1 464 65
Quaker Hill	931 38	70 00	6 57	11 83	37 09	16 00	9 00	6 50	17 14	21 94	15 94	7 45	37 60		187 06	1 168 44
Salem	125 00	3 00														128 00
Waterford, First	1 154 50	86 50	11 21	6 10		8 00	9 00	25 00			5 15	217 00	99 75	4 50	385 71	1 666 77
Totals	\$ 25 687 11	1 140 99	282 89	406 09	391 00	359 86	324 04	919 14	135 02	168 20	158 21	761 75	1 148 36	668 18	5 034 87	32 438 03

* No report.

† As estimated by pastor.

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CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.				Prev't Condition.			Sunday-school.		Value of Church Property free of Debt.			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Insurance.	Exclusion.	Death.	Cath. Loss.	Total Enrolled.	Men.	Women.		Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.
Groton, First.....	1705	H. W. Wilson..... '99	Simoon Gallup.....	10	1	.....	.....	4	1	.....	2	4	212	35	70	177	74	10	\$11,000
Groton Heights.....	1843	Langley B. Sears..... '89	J. P. Edgcomb.....	2	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	9	280	53	138	237	113	1	13,000
Jewett City.....	1840	John W. Payne..... '89	J. E. Phillips.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	187	53	94	208	92	.....	13,500
Laurel Glen.....	1834	Byron U. Hatfield..... '00	C. P. Holdridge.....	8	17	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	11	8	582	174	302	453	31	.....	21,500
Mystic Union.....	1705	Byron U. Hatfield..... '00	J. O. Fisher.....	16	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	7	511	*152	*255	300	122	3	21,000
Noank.....	1843	E. E. Gates..... '00	W. A. Fraser.....	16	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	9	10	40	22	.....	8,000
No. Stonington, First.....	1741	.....	Elmer E. Coon.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103	19	36	24	4	.....	2,500
" Second.....	1795	.....	H. F. York.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	161	*23	*55	35	7	.....	3,000
Packerville.....	1827	H. C. Cathoun..... '01	G. A. Thompson.....	7	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	3	1	75	*16	*29	50	27	.....	5,000
Plainfield, Union.....	1826	John G. Ward..... '01	Chas. E. Hopkins.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	192	35	60	135	63	.....	12,000
Packerville, Bridge.....	1792	E. Sanderson..... '00	W. Tillinghast.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	32	55	127	49	.....	5,000
Packerville, City.....	1836	F. H. Cooper..... '00	Daniel Morgan.....	20	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	2	1	123	34	66	127	49	.....	5,000
Preston City.....	1812	N. B. Prindle..... '00	S. P. Kinney.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	17	138	37	55	124	30	1	9,000
Sterling.....	1815	Earl W. Darrow..... '01	F. P. Green.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	81	10	24	63	30	1	3,450
Stonington, First.....	1775	D. T. MacClymont.. '01	M. A. Pendleton.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2	362	99	182	189	98	.....	31,000
Stonington, Third.....	1856	.....	Stiles H. F. Rose.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	6	12	30	12	.....	2,350
Voluntown.....	1832	E. Dewhurst..... '83	G. P. Douglass.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	146	29	68	64	33	.....	6,500
Totals.....Churches, 17	Pastors.....13	78	49	34	7	46	40	3,266	820	1,458	2,148	1,063	62	\$145,300

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FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Money Raised for all Purposes.			
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Home Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.		Other Objects.	Sunday- School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.
Groton, First.....	\$1,175 00	\$ 49 39	.....	\$ 3 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$7 28	\$ 4 00	.....	\$37 00	\$ 79 28	\$1,303 67
Groton Heights.....	1,904 08	21 14	.....	21 14	23 64	23 11	20 00	.....	.....	.....	\$13 17	.....	.....	30 00	\$32 06	25 11	209 23	2,113 29
Laurel Glen.....	904 08	56 65	21 50	17 31	26 58	37 41	35 83	.....	.....	\$45 65	.....	\$10 25	5 00	38 00	69 00	20 00	320 53	1,290 26
Mystic, Union.....	3,433 34	227 05	65 17	55 06	194 00	90 50	66 00	34 00	18 05	.....	.....	10 00	.....	139 00	43 00	30 00	734 78	4,395 17
Noank.....	1,761 13	.....	50 00	117 00	106 00	71 50	62 83	47 50	40 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	200 00	.....	711 83	2,475 96
No. Stonington, First.....	144 00	15 36	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	163 36
" Second.....	155 00	8 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	166 85
" Third.....	602 00	22 92	.....	16 90	7 23	1 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 48	6 74	79 95	704 87
Packerville.....	1,401 50	11 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	10 25	9 00	15 47	8 00	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	8 00	92 22	1,453 01
Poquonock Bridge.....	1,161 61	45 00	25 00	14 00	25 00	44 10	65 00	60 00	.....	62 12	.....	.....	4 02	.....	.....	.....	246 40	1,453 01
Preston City.....	551 13	42 00	10 00	11 50	8 63	3 95	7 00	1 00	5 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	47 37	640 50
Sterling.....	1,452 00	20 00	.....	2 29	.....	5 63	6 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 10	28 69	1,500 69
Stonington, First.....	431 50	18 25	10 00	4 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 06	.....	20 00	7 00	58 56	508 31
" Third.....	2,248 15	124 10	115 00	73 96	86 06	86 00	51 50	.....	.....	7 47	.....	.....	.....	62 00	.....	20 00	501 99	2,874 24
Voluntown.....	392 35	21 87	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00	431 62
Totals.....	\$17,695 98	700 82	330 67	364 83	516 71	383 61	344 43	246 96	89 29	20 25	34 86	273 00	406 54	182 65	3,192 82	26,761 49		

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Pastors.	Increase.				Decrease.				Pres't Condition.	Sunday-school.			Value of Church of Property Price of Debt.						
			Baptism.		Experience.		Restoration.	Letter.	Bursure.	Exclusion.		Death.	Gain.	Loss.		Total Enrolled.	Men.	Women.	Total Enrolled.	Attendance.	Added to Church.
Ashford.....	Churches, 16	Pastors, 12	54	29	7	3	36	46	4	28	21	1,821	446	762	1,436	751	36	\$108,000			
Hairfield.....	" 23	" 21	98	83	43	4	96	220	16	44	148	3,278	939	1,802	2,325	1,426	25	337,333			
Hartford.....	" 30	" 22	178	108	41	7	93	12	26	59	184	4,951	1,457	2,235	4,948	3,041	111	598,500			
New Haven.....	" 27	" 23	210	161	23	13	184	234	59	100	38	7,679	2,223	4,245	6,026	3,427	145	546,100			
New London.....	" 23	" 16	123	48	8	5	54	49	1	52	28	4,122	1,180	1,778	2,860	1,414	90	196,898			
Stonington Union.....	" 17	" 13	78	49	.....	.....	34	7	.....	46	40	3,266	820	1,458	2,148	1,063	62	145,300
Totals.....	Churches, 144	Pastors, 115	741	478	162	32	497	568	97	329	121	25,161	7,065	12,280	18,843	11,122	469	\$1,864,631			

FINANCIAL TABLES — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Total Benevolence.	Money Raised for all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday-School Benevolence.		
Ashford.....	\$ 1,471 97	519 34	187 16	177 95	335 73	265 95	326 03	316 76	223 19	46 54	8 09	84 00	36 67	83 95	2,067 54	16,057 75
Hairfield.....	32,005 66	1,539 56	1,005 66	599 72	850 39	482 95	556 03	492 36	48 78	96 53	329 35	1,379 13	1,377 11	367 90	7,144 38	46,295 47
Hartford.....	51,011 54	3,249 36	2,076 57	1,154 41	2,175 23	565 72	622 16	999 93	205 64	326 34	239 15	1,379 73	1,506 37	545 57	11,649 73	65,212 24
New Haven.....	62,013 87	3,390 34	1,016 34	1,021 42	1,715 62	1,889 44	1,107 59	1,673 91	221 41	253 37	202 26	1,385 78	2,443 97	1,379 90	14,921 95	83,155 26
New London.....	25,687 11	1,140 99	282 89	406 09	391 00	359 86	324 04	919 14	135 02	168 20	158 21	761 75	1,118 36	668 18	5,034 87	32,438 03
Stonington Union.....	17,695 98	700 82	330 67	364 83	516 71	383 61	344 43	246 96	89 29	20 25	34 86	273 00	406 54	182 65	3,192 82	20,761 49
Totals.....	\$ 208,886 12	10,540 51	4,899 29	3,724 42	5,991 68	3,749 63	3,275 18	4,649 06	923 75	911 23	1,021 92	4,742 28	6,918 12	3,147 25	44,011 29	263,930 24

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and Vicinity," was first organized at Hartford, in October, 1823. No annual sermon was provided for until the session of 1826. For the data previous to 1840 see former minutes.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1840	Essex	George Reed	William Reid	F. Wightman	Matt. 24: 14.
1841	Hartford	D. Ives	J. S. Eaton	R. Babcock	John 4: 35-38.
1842	Middletown	D. Ives	J. S. Eaton	T. C. Teasdale	
1843	Norwich	D. Ives	E. Cushman	J. Dowling	Eph. 3: 10.
1844	New Haven	A. Parker	E. Savage	D. Ives	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845	New London	J. S. Swan	E. Savage	A. Parker	Num. 14: 21.
1846	Hartford	J. S. Swan	E. Cushman	A. G. Palmer	Isa. 62: 1.
1847	Deep River	R. Turnbull	E. Cushman	J. S. Swan	Num. 14: 8.
1848	Suffield	D. Ives	E. Cushman	E. Cushman	1 John 5: 19.
1849	Bristol	H. Miller	E. Cushman	E. T. Hiscock	Heb. 6, 10.
1850	Danbury	S. D. Phelps	E. Cushman	R. Turnbull	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1851	Stonington	E. T. Hiscock	E. Cushman	C. Willett	Eph. 1: 3-6.
1852	New Haven	J. S. Swan	E. Cushman	J. N. Murdock	Luke 24: 24.
1853	Norwich	William Reid	E. Cushman	S. D. Phelps	Isa. 60: 3.
1854	Hartford	J. N. Murdock	E. Cushman	H. Miller	Matt. 10 34-36.
1855	Meriden	L. Lewis	E. Cushman	J. L. Hodge	Gal. 2: 20.
1856	Middletown	W. S. Clapp	E. Cushman	W. Reid	Acts 1: 8.
1857	New London	C. Willett	E. Cushman	A. D. Denison	Phil. 2: 15.
1858	Southington	F. Denison	E. Cushman	J. A. Bailey	Psal. 130: 4.
1859	Hartford	S. D. Phelps	E. Cushman	W. Fitz	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860	New Haven	P. G. Wightman	E. Cushman	J. P. Brown	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861	Norwich	D. Ives	E. Cushman	D. H. Miller	Isa. 42: 4.
1862	Stamford	J. P. Brown	E. Cushman	D. Ives	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1863	Willimantic	C. S. Weaver	E. Cushman	C. B. Crane	1 Cor. 1: 39.
1864	Essex	George Lovis	E. Cushman	G. M. Stone	John 21: 4-6.
1865	Danbury	S. Graves	E. Cushman	S. D. Phelps	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1866	Hartford	J. A. Bailey	E. Cushman	I. H. Gilbert	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1867	Mystic River	C. B. Crane	E. Cushman	R. Turnbull	Rev. 5: 10.
1868	New Haven	A. C. Bronson	E. Cushman	E. Lathrop	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869	Deep River	R. J. Adams	E. Cushman	B. S. Morse	Mark 1: 40-42.
1870	New Britain	A. P. Buell	J. A. Bailey	H. G. Mason	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871	Norwalk	James L. Howard	J. A. Bailey	G. L. Hunt	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872	Waterbury	James L. Howard	J. A. Bailey	A. G. Palmer	Eph. 1: 18.
1873	New Haven	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	A. J. Sage	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1874	Putnam	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	C. E. Smith	Prov. 4: 23.
1875	Hartford	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	A. C. Hubbard	
1876	Suffield	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	A. C. Hubbard	Zech. 4: 16.
1877	Norwich	A. G. Palmer	R. Turnbull	F. F. Emerson	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1878	Meriden	E. Lathrop	T. A. T. Hanna	J. Davis	Matt. 16: 3.
1879	Danbury	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	B. F. Bronson	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880	Bridgeport	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	J. M. Taylor	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881	New London	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	J. R. Stubbett	Jonah 3: 3.
1882	Ansonia	W. S. Bronson	T. A. T. Hanna	G. H. Miner	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883	New Haven	W. S. Bronson	T. A. T. Hanna	M. H. Pogson	Acts 5: 20.
1884	Norwich	W. S. Bronson	Elizur Cook	O. C. Sargent	Luke 2: 32.
1885	Hartford	W. S. Bronson	Elizur Cook	J. V. Garton	Matt. 6: 10.
1886	Waterbury	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	C. W. Holman	Matt. 28: 20.
1887	New Britain	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	B. W. Lockhart	John 8: 37.
1888	Hartford	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	D. H. Taylor	1 John 4: 16.
1889	Putnam	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	P. G. Wightman	Isa. 54: 2.
1890	Middletown	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. K. Gow	Matt. 9: 10-13.
1891	New Haven	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	W. G. Fennell	Matt. 17: 20.
1892	Willimantic	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. S. James	Heb. 6: 5.
1893	Danbury	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	H. M. Thompson	Jonah 4: 10.
1894	Norwich	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. B. Lemon	Jonah 3: 2.
1895	Bridgeport	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. D. Herr, D.D.	Acts 10: 44.
1896	New London	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	J. H. Mason	Rom. 13: 8.
1897	Hartford	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	Wm. D. McKinney	Zech. 4: 6.
1898	Meriden	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	E. M. Poteat, D.D.	Phil. 3: 10, 11.
1899	Waterbury	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	Henry Clarke	John 18: 6.
1900	New Haven	Carnot O. Spencer	P. S. Evans	F. C. McKeever	11 Cor. 2: 14.
1901	New Britain	Carnot O. Spencer	P. S. Evans	F. J. Parry	Acts 1: 8.
1902	Hartford	Carnot O. Spencer	P. S. Evans	Geo. H. Ferris	John 9: 30.

REGISTER OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Ashford Association.

CHURCH.	SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Total Members.
Brooklyn	B. Y. P. U.	William Potter.....	Wm. R. Pond.....	22
Danielson	Y. P. S. C. E.	Geo. H. Crowell.....	Miss E. F. Babson.....	57
Eastford.....	"	Mrs. P. M. George	Mrs. Eva Davidson.....	23
Putnam.....	B. Y. P. U.	J. P. Bowen	Georgiana King.....	67
Stafford.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. Thomas Black.....	Geo. A. Jenkins.....	18
Thompson Center.....	B. Y. P. U.	Grace A. Converse.....	Mary Converse.....	61
Warrenville.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	G. C. Chappell.....	Mrs. R. H. Wright.....	55
Westford.....	"	Mary Chism.....	Everet H. Barlow.....	34
Willimantic.....	"	Ada M. Bowen.....	Nellie M. Preston.....	56
Willington.....	"	A. A. Preston.....	A. A. Preston.....	37
Willington, South	"	W. H. Brackett	Walter Allen.....	60
Woodstock, South.....	"	Arthur Frissell	Ethel Phillips.....	18
Woodstock, West.	"	Mrs. Sarah Bates.....	Mary B. Corbin.....	38

Fairfield Association.

Bridgeport, First	Y. P. S. C. E.	Stanley N. Beans.....	Clara Williamson.....	70
" German.....	"	Emil Wehger.....	Katie Grosch.....	27
" Immanuel	"	W. S. Bronson.....	Miss E. Knapp.....	26
" Swede.....	B. Y. P. U.	T. Clafford.....	S. Samuelson.....	40
" Second.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	A. H. Blakeslee.....	George Moorey.....	52
Danbury, Second.....	"	Joseph Redavat	Mabel Hathaway.....	47
Easton	"	Mrs. C. S. Powell.....		
New Milford.....	"	Mabel Marsh.....	Mrs. W. C. Hine.....	17
Norwalk, First	B. Y. P. U.	Chas. Yost.....	Mary A. Hyatt.....	50
Norwalk, Grace.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	C. H. G. E. Pollard.....	Ella Hamlet.....	25
Rowayton.....	"	A. B. Cleverly	Ida Sherer.....	64
South Norwalk.....	"	Walter Aiken.....	Jennie S. Clarke.....	125
Stamford, First.....	B. Y. P. U.	E. C. Waterbury.....	Helena Stewart.....	40
Stamford, Union.....	U. B. C. E.	S. A. Towner.....	R. R. Doswell.....	30
White Hills.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Fannie Bickford.....	Bessie Sharp.....	11

Hartford Association.

Bristol	Y. P. S. C. E.	Earl Arnold.....	Mrs. Arthur Blain.....	68
Canton.....	"	Lena Wheelock.....	Asa Case.....	22
East Cornwall.....	"	Lewis H. Pond.....	F. E. Baldwin.....	20
Hartford, Asylum Ave.	"	D. G. Smythe.....	Daisy Wilbur.....	26
" First.....	Y. P. A.	E. L. Upton.....	C. H. Weldon.....	160
" Memorial.....	B. Y. P. U.	Albert E. Fish.....	Florence Hale.....	79
" Olivet.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Herbert W. Newton.....	Henrietta Newton.....	33
" Shiloh.....	"	J. R. Davies.....	Miss L. Harder.....	48
" South.....	"	G. D. Jameson.....	H. M. Blanchard.....	50
" Suffield St.....	"	Geo. W. Fleming.....	Herbert L. Twiss.....	37
" Swede.....	"	Rev. J. Friborg.....	Ida Nygard.....	35
" Union.....	B. Y. P. U.	Simon F. Phillips.....	Irene Custalos.....	35

CHURCH.	SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Total Members.
New Britain.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Addie Lyman.....		65
New Britain, German..	Y. P. U.	P. A. Friedericksen...	Emil Steinberg.....	34
Plainville.....	B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. Wm. Alldridge...	Mrs. Wm. Hart.....	27
Rockville.....	"	Walter Dann	J. E. Cheetham.....	85
Suffield, Jr.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. O. O. Fletcher...	Leila Williams.....	44
" Second.....	"	Geo. C. Vietz.....	B. F. Schllessinger.....	40
Tariffville.....	"	H. G. W. Moore.....	L. C. Roraback.....	39
Torrington	"	Mrs. W. French.....	Waldo W. Weaver.....	25
West Hartford.....	"	C. E. Millard.....	Mrs. H. Andrews.....	23
Winsted.....	"	Lewis Kellogg.....	G. G. Sanford.....	54

New Haven Association.

Ansonia.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Nellie Davenport....	Cecile Taft.....	88
" Second.....	"	Eunice Starke.....	Jennie Starke.....	24
Branford.....	"	Mrs. Bertha Lounsbury.	Nellie Boynton.....	38
Chester.....	B. Y. P. U.	E. E. Ackley.....	Clara Wooster.....	54
Cromwell.....	"	Helen A. Stevens....	Ada Johnson.....	18
Deep River.....	B. U. C. E.	Fred W. Chandler....	Grace E. Ferguson....	40
Essex.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	A. Leigh Pratt.....	Grace Góddard.....	44
Meriden, First.....	"	Charles Saunders....	Clara Wright.....	74
" German.....	"	John Schuster.....	Anna Unger.....	32
" Main St.....	"	W. H. Storm.....	Laura Robinson.....	50
" Swede.....	B. Y. P. U.	Carl Larson.....	G. Johnson.....	30
Middletown.....	"	Blanche Cole.....	Cory E. Miller.....	86
Milford.....	"	Mrs. Mattie Digs....	Viola McIntyre.....	20
Naugatuck.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Frank French.....	H. G. Denniston....	41
New Haven, Calvary..	"	Miss M. R. Webster..	Grace Walker.....	62
" First.....	"	T. Harry Cram.....	Francis Strong.....	85
" German.....	"	John Fischer.....	Edward Rungee.....	84
" Grand Av.	"	H. J. Cane.....	Florence Seibert....	104
" How Ave.	"	Wolcott Partell.....	Grace Moore.....	44
" Immanuel	"	James W. Pugh.....	Carrie Alexander....	54
" Swede.....	B. Y. P. U.	Emil Friborg.....	August Nelson.....	55
" Olivet.....	J. C. E.	Grace Alling.....	Ethel Clark.....	29
Plantville.....	B. Y. P. U.	Ellen Larson.....	Mrs. W. Shepardson..	27
Shelton.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	T. L. Godkin.....	Annie French.....	31
Southington.....	"	S. H. McKensie.....	Florence Stubbert..	33
Wallingford.....	"	B. R. Tuttle.....	M. B. Leete.....	28
Waterbury, First....	"	Ernest Clark.....	Jesse E. Clarke.....	86
" Second.....	"	Gertrude L. Snagg....	Mrs. F. C. Lowry.....	31
Yalesville.....	"	C. A. Doolittle.....	Mabel McKensie.....	30

New London Association.

Colchester.....	B. Y. P. U.	L. C. Brown.....	Deborah L. Strong....	26
" Scott Hill... ..	Y. P. S. C. E.	Orrin M. Price.....	Angie Price.....	26
East Haddam.....	"	A. F. Williams.....	Sarah Emmons.....	11
Lake's Pond.....	"	Gurdon Avery.....	May A. Chappell.....	19
Lebanon.....	"	Leroy Lillie.....	Charles Lillie.....	35
Lyme, North.....	"	J. W. Stark.....	May E. Stark.....	31
" Old.....	B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. J. R. Very.....	Mrs. E. D. Caulkins..	16
Montville.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Geo. P. Smith.....	Miss I. M. Browning..	40
New London, First...	"	Minnie G. Harris....	Teresa Firman.....	90
" Huntington St.	"	Clarence Newton....	Irene R. Slocum.....	67

CHURCH.	SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Total Members.
Niantic.....	B. Y. P. U.....	J. Everett Clark.....	Mollie Brooks.....	66
Norwich, Central.....	"	Cecil Burgess.....	Charles F. Whitney.....	118
" First.....	"	Allen G. Thornton.....	Mary Cowan.....	46
" Third.....	"	Smith D. Barnes.....	W. A. Lund.....	30
Quaker Hill.....	"	Geo. Hesler.....	Jennie Strickland.....	32
Waterford.....	C. E.....	D. C. Williams.....	Myra Peabody.....	44

Stonington Union Association.

Groton Heights.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Alvah B. Cone.....	Lillian E. Chapman.....	49
Jewett City.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	Alice D. Phillips.....	Nellie P. Franklin.....	41
Mystic Union.....	"	Helen F. Wilbur.....	Emeline M. Wilbur.....	50
Noank.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Eugene McDonald.....	M. Rinda Peckham.....	125
N. Stonington, Third..	"	George Tillinghast.....	Mamie E. Chapman.....	48
*Plainfield, Union....	"	A. G. Denison.....	May Anderson.....	48
Poquonock Bridge.....	"	John Sawyer.....	Chas. B. Palmer.....	119
*Preston City.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	Mrs. J. F. Richardson.....	Chas. Zabriskie.....	40
*Sterling.....	"	E. E. Freeman.....	Bertha Freeman.....	12
Stonington.....	"	Mrs. W. F. Wilcox.....	Grace Chester.....	77
Voluntown.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Mrs. E. Dewhurst.....	Bertha E. Lewis.....	25

*Last year's reports.

Summary by Associations.

	SOCIETIES.	MEMBERS.
Ashford	13.....	536
Fairfield.....	15.....	524
Hartford	18.....	878
New Haven	29.....	1,396
New London	16.....	697
Stonington Union...	11.....	586
Totals.....	102.....	4,617

BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTER.

Ashford Association.

TOWNS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.
Andover	Rev. C. N. Nichols .	Mrs. R. A. Phillips.
Brooklyn	W. F. Chapman .	Viola Sweet.
Danielson	H. C. Warren .	H. E. Burton.
Eastford	H. Buell	Sarah Simmons.
Mansfield	Edgar F. Stone .	Mabel Slate.
Putnam	N. A. Ballard .	Sadie E. Hanscom.
Stafford	Herbert C. Thresher .	Henry F. Holtham.
Thompson, Center .	John D. Converse .	Louis Converse.
Thompson, East .	Arod Ormsby .	Rhoda Thatcher.
Warrenville . . .	Z. B. Bicknell .	I. E. Louks.
Westford	A. G. Barlow .	Mrs. Chas. Davis.
Willimantic . . .	John Simmons .	Edward S. Wytt.
Willington . . .	Annie A. Preston .	Daisy Brown.
" South . . .	Walter A. Allen .	Gertrude Janes.
Woodstock, . . .	Wayland Gage .	Florence Sherman.
" South . . .	Wm. Chandler .	Harry Wells.

Fairfield Association.

Bridgeport, First .	George W. Goulden .	Burpee E. Shaw.
" Second .	John W. Barnes .	Hubert Shaw.
" German .	Fred Galskie .	Ed. Ratzlaff.
" Immanuel .	Sam'l Vanstane .	Mrs. L. Vanstane.
" Messiah .	Fred A. Stevens .	Lillian Jones.
" Swede .	S. Swanson .	A. H. Nilson.
Danbury, Second .	Leroy W. Andrews .	I. E. Andrews.
" New Hope .	A. Jones .	C. Johnson.
Easton	R. H. Sherman .	Chas. S. Powell.
Greenwich	F. Spear	Ethel Irwin.
New Canaan . . .	Edward Ball .	Leon Tuttle.
New Milford . . .	W. C. Hine .	Edith Crossman.
Norwalk, First . .	Charles Yost .	Fanton Beers.
" Grace . .	C. D. Lloyd .	Jessie D. Whitehead.
Rowayton	J. H. Sherer .	Wm. Sniffin.
South Norwalk . .	E. R. Bennett .	H. C. Sherer, M.D.
E. Norwalk Branch .	Calvin Smith .	Elizabeth Smith.

TOWNS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.
Stamford . . .	W. F. Waterbury .	S. T. Smith, Jr.
" Union . . .	W. O. Harris .	Julia Roberson.
" Italian . . .	Salvator Russ .	Angelo Salterello.
Stepney . . .	Chas. F. Nichols .	Blanche Purdy.
Stratfield . . .	Homer Sturges .	Arthur L. Johnson.
Stratford . . .	B. Walker .	J. Berry.
White Hills . . .	Fred B. Drew .	Bessie Sharp.

Hartford Association.

Bantam . . .	Edgar F. Wedge .	Mrs. Edith Richardson.
Bloomfield . . .	H. Higgins .	Miss E. Kelly.
Bristol . . .	Rev. H. Clarke .	George H. Saxton.
Canton . . .	J. W. Higgins .	Lena Case.
Colebrook, North . . .	Geo. Watrous .	Mrs. J. C. Gavin.
" South . . .	Grove Deming .	Mrs. Clara Norton.
Cornwall, East . . .	F. A. Whitcomb .	Amy M. Hoffman.
Hartford, Asylum av. . .	David G. Smythe .	W. J. Tuller.
" First . . .	C. P. Gladding .	E. B. Bliss.
" Memorial . . .	W. O. Shelly .	H. D. Burnham.
" Olivet . . .	Frank E. Newton .	Carl Allen.
" South . . .	Allen W. Brown .	Chas. A. Gilbert.
" Union . . .	J. O. Taylor .	Ida Knight.
" Shiloh . . .	J. S. Taylor .	W. Carpenter.
" Suffield St. . .	W. O. Buckley, Jr. .	Myrton T. Smith.
" Swede . . .	K. Molin .	Helma Johnson.
New Britain, First . . .	E. W. Wightman .	Horace W. Eddy.
" German . . .	A. F. Eichstaedt .	Ferd. Jung.
" Swede . . .	A. B. Pierson .	N. P. Bergman.
New Hartford . . .	James E. Stanley .	Mrs. Minnie Tuttle.
Plainville . . .	C. H. Bronson .	Miss Jessie Goodrich.
Rockville . . .	H. M. Swartfagaer .	Leander Boseley.
South Windsor . . .	W. B. Parmelee .	Annie Jennings.
Suffield, First . . .	Harvey Linsley .	Ida L. Stites.
" Second . . .	F. B. Hatheway .	Nellie M. Lipps.
Tariffville . . .	Wm. H. Pease .	E. C. Willoughby.
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West Hartford . . .	Benj. DesJardins .	Carrie A. Elmer.
Wethersfield . . .	C. T. Eccleston .	Mrs. H. M. Babcock.
Winsted . . .	Ralph A. Sanford .	Anna E. Norton.

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First . . .	B. F. Leach .	H. G. Fosdick.
" Macedonia . . .	Thomas Coleman .	Emma Roscoe.
Branford . . .	Thomas B. Word .	E. C. Johnson.
Cheshire . . .	Mrs. Harriet Nichols .	Mrs. Emma Allen.

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" Swede . . .	H. E. Hanson . . .	M. E. Johnson.
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Milford	A. K. B. Taylor . . .	Laura Taylor.
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" Swede . . .	G. W. Erikson . . .	Mrs. Erikson.
Plantsville	Walter Pratt . . .	Ada S. Frisbee.
Shelton	H. V. Davidson . . .	Herbert E. Bond.
Southington	M. H. Holcomb . . .	Levi E. Southworth.
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" Second . . .	R. G. Snagg . . .	Mrs. W. F. Bronneke.
Yalesville	E. S. May . . .	Archie G. Prisk.

New London Association.

Bozrah	Lewis Ford . . .	Grace J. Ford.
Colchester	L. C. Brown . . .	Deborah Strong.
Fitchville	W. H. Robinson . .	Mrs. Jennie Phillips.
Haddam, East . . .	Sidney S. Carter . .	Mary Wakeman.
Lake's Pond	W. R. Gardner . . .	Nellie M. Dart.
Lebanon	LeRoy Lillie . . .	A. R. Lathrop.
Lyme, East	C M. Reed . . .	Mrs. F. E. Newton.
" North . . .	C. S. Jewett . . .	Arthur Sweet.
" Old . . .	E. D. Caulkins . . .	Dora Harding.
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" Shiloh .	F. D. Randall .	F. S. James.
Niantic	John W. Luce .	Julia Manwaring.
Norwich, Central .	S. B. Palmer .	R. R. Wilcox.
" First .	W. R. Cowan, Jr. .	Mrs. H. R. Sargent.
" Mt. Calvary	P. T. Young .	B. Greenleaf.
" Third .	T. A. Perkins .	S. D. Barnes.
Quaker Hill . .	L. A. Comstock .	Nellie J. Starr.
Salem	Will Parkerson .	Victoria Wade.
Scott Hill . . .	G. H. Morgan .	Belle Loomis.
Waterford . . .	C. H. Peabody .	R. H. Johns.

Stonington Union Association.

Groton, Center . .	Geo. M. Daboll .	H. B. Chapman.
" First . .	Simeon Gallup .	Clara C. Burnet.
" Heights .	David Bosworth .	Frank E. Edgecomb.
Jewett City . . .	John Armstrong .	James B. Palmer, Jr.
Laurel Glen . . .	C. P. Holdridge .	Lydia E. Holdridge.
Lantern Hill . .	Hattie B. Main .	Julius E. Main.
Ledyard	Miss H. L. Brown .	Albert S. Brown.
Mystic Union . .	Wm. H. Smith .	R. H. Murphy.
Noank	Robert Palmer .	Grace Fitch.
N. Stonington, First	Carrie A. Ryder .	Sarah T. Palmer.
" Second	C. C. Gray .	Ella J. Wheeler.
" Third .	Mrs. Chester Maine	Ida Chapman.
Packerville . . .	Calvin York .	Miss M. B. Hopkins.
Plainfield Union .	Frank B. Clark .	Charles D. West.
Poquonock Bridge .	Cyrus Avery .	Miss Fannie Wells.
Preston City . . .	John O. Peckham .	Mrs. S. A. Starkweather.
Quiambaug . . .	J. H. Wilcox .	J. H. Wilcox.
Sterling	S. P. Green .	Byron Tyler.
Stonington, First .	Erastus D. Smith .	Mrs. J. H. Tillinghast.
" Third .	Benj. F. Ross .	Mrs. Mary E. Bunyon.
Voluntown . . .	Rev. E. Dewhurst .	Julia A. Fish.

Schools	150
Enrolled	18,843
Average attendance .	11,122
Expenses	\$10,540 51
Benevolence	3,147 25
Addition by baptism .	469

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American
Baptist Home Mission Society.

At the meeting held in connection with the State Convention, October 15, Mrs. Dewhurst presided, and scripture was read by Mrs. Thomas of Essex, prayer being offered by our dear brother, Rev. Mr. Elsdon. How we missed from among us our beloved Mrs. McKinney, her bright presence and her words of cheer have always inspired us to go forward with fresh courage. Very tenderly Mrs. Evans besought the Great Physician to minister to her needs. Mrs. Reynolds was with us to tell of her recent visit to our mission stations among the Indians, of the transformation when they learn to walk in the "Jesus road." A generous offering was made (\$27.15), showing that the message found attentive and interested hearers.

Mrs. Dewhurst reported as follows: We would praise God from whom all blessings flow as we review our work during the year past, not that we have accomplished all we would, far from it, but amid many distractions we have held our own. Our aim, to enlist every woman in all the churches of our state, is still before us, not yet attained.

During the past winter our Baptist women interested in this one common cause, with the watchword, North America for Christ, decided to combine their efforts, and the union of the New Haven Alliance with the New England society has resulted, thus bringing about a reasonable and felicitous consolidation. We hope in time to secure a circle in every church, which shall be a source not only of profit and encouragement to our special work, but a working center in each home church from which shall grow a healthy interest in other and larger lines of missionary activity. If every woman in our churches in Connecticut had given even her dollar we should not have been compelled to report a deficit, nor to have sent out an appeal for funds to meet it in addition to the amount needed for the work of the current year. For this deficit, we have raised \$240.00, hardly a fair proportion for us of the \$4,000 required in New England to meet the lack.

More than six months of the year are now gone, and we must see to it that our gifts keep pace with the work so blessed of God, that it calls for an increase of funds. Our Kadiak interest alone calls for an added thousand dollars and while work at the old stands must be maintained, new fields are calling for us to enter in and possess the land for our God.

While the financial statement may not be the most important factor, yet it is a tolerably sure index of the spiritual interest of the donors; and so as the years go by the treasury furnishes direct evidence of our standing.

Three Associations, the New London, the Stonington Union and the Ashford show quite encouraging gains over 1901. The Hartford and New Haven remaining about the same while the Fairfield shows a loss of \$41.38. On the whole we gained \$225.00 over last year, at the same time we are \$529.00 below our total of two years ago. It is on the basis of the receipts of 1900 that we ask for an increase of one-third. This should bring to our treasury \$5,500.00 instead of \$3,685.00, our total for the past year.

Shall we not try for this? With our new workers in New Haven, with the call for an increase in our Sunday-school gifts for Alaska, and with our Silver Anniversary there should be no difficulty in meeting this request.

Nearly a year ago the vacancy in Hartford Association directorship was filled by the appointment of Miss N. M. Barrows; aside from this, all of our Associations have had the oversight of the same directors as for a number of years. Each one has done earnest work in her field. We bespeak for these Associational officers the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the entire sisterhood of our churches. Many times the circles would be helped and the work strengthened by a closer intimacy, and certainly the director would be cheered and encouraged by your expressed appreciation and interest.

We gladly acknowledge the opportunities we have had to place the work before our churches assembled in their yearly anniversaries, and hope for the day when our sadly neglected "Home Mission Echoes" will have a chance to lay its message before pastors and people in every church in Connecticut. Information and inspiration may then in greater measure minister to the daily efficiency of those seeking to speed the coming of the Kingdom.

Let us listen to the "Echoes," that our paper may truly be a means of grace to one and all. Stonington Union Association set a fine example in that every Sunday-school sent a gift for Alaska; surely this can be done in every Association, then not 52 schools but 140 will help still "the cry of the Alaskan children."

Much interest has been taken in Mather school with its history of thirty years of faithful service. The supplies so cheerfully prepared and sent by our circles and young people are wisely made to minister to the success of the school.

Our hearts are sad as we think of our sister, Mrs. McKinney, so sorely beset by illness, whose bright and cheery presence we miss in our gathering today. While the day lasts for us may we improve its swiftly flying moments and with joy embrace each opportunity which if allowed to pass returns no more. We are assured that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

HELEN R. DEWHURST.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. HELEN R. DEWHURST, Voluntown, Vice-President Northeastern Connecticut.
 Mrs. FRANCIS MCKINNEY, Ansonia, Vice-President Southwestern Connecticut.
 Miss MARY L. HOWARD, 67 Collins St., Hartford, Asst. Vice-President.

Associations.

Ashford,
 Junior,
 Stonington Union,
 Junior,
 New London,
 Junior,
 Hartford,
 Junior,
 New Haven,
 Junior,
 Fairfield,
 Junior,

Directors.

Mrs. ANNIE A. PRESTON, Willington.
 Miss MARION STORRS, Mansfield.
 Mrs. SARAH F. BROWN, Jewett City.
 Miss ANNIE CRANSKA, Moosup.
 Mrs. T. A. PERKINS, Norwich.
 Miss MARY L. POTTER, New London.
 Miss N. M. BARROWS, Hartford.
 Mrs. J. HENRY TURNER, Hartford.
 Miss MARGARET MCWHINNIE, Waterbury.
 Miss E. INEZ BROWN, Wallingford.
 Mrs. M. W. SILLIMAN, Norwalk.
 Miss EMMA L. DAVIS, Stamford.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
 BRANCH OF WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST
 HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

At our last annual meeting the young people of Connecticut were able to report a gain of \$262.00 in their gifts over the year before. During the six months since then, the reports have continued encouraging, and we are looking for a still larger increase this year. During the past six months the Bands of Stonington Union have been in the lead, having sent in over \$60.00 during this period. Their enthusiastic director has been obliged to resign, and Miss Annie Cranska of Moosup, takes up the work November 1st.

The objects set before us are the same as last year. We are asked to give toward the salaries of Miss S. E. Owen of Beaufort, S. C.; Mrs. J. P. Duggan of Ponce, Porto Rico; The Kadiak Orphanage, Alaska; and toward the support of the two Chinese children, Joy and Loto of Fresno, California.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. HOWARD,

Asst. Vice-President.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society
of Connecticut.

The owner of a fine estate once required his gardeners so to cultivate it that the whole area should become uniformly productive. Especial difficulties were not found except upon the sea-ward side, whose somewhat sterile soil maintained only a scanty herbage. Various expedients were employed to overcome these conditions, none however, proving so satisfactory as the following unique method.

A number of guns were placed upon rafts on the surface of the water-front loaded to the muzzle, aimed at the cliffs and discharged. Their ammunition consisted not of destructive shot and shell but of fertile seeds of divers hardy flowering and climbing plants. Many of these penetrating the rocky crevices found lodgement therein and springing into growth, transformed the barren crags to a scene of wondrous beauty.

Somewhat akin has been the past year's experience of the women of our fair state who have steadily wrought within their own divisions on the hither sea-ward side of our denominational territory in behalf of other sisters dwelling upon the farther heathen shores. Broadcast, of selected material, in choicest variety, have been our sowings. Alike the fertile seeds have fallen upon the tender child-heart garden, the responsive ground of youth and the fallow slopes of maturer age.

Concerning the tillage and fruitage of this latter section I am to report today.

Although our corps of workers is complete, some changes of personnel should be noted. The period of service as Secretary in the Ashford Association of Mrs. Atherton, a graft from the Fairfield Association, has terminated by reason of her removal to another state. Of her past year's work she writes: "The responses from the circles have been prompt, and without exception the reports were full of encouragement and hope." Mrs. J. E. Burleson, who has a deep and intelligent interest in the cause, has taken up the work, and we believe the previous good record will be maintained.

The place of Mrs. J. B. Hoyt former Secretary of the Fairfield County Association, has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. George Goulden. She has had experience as substitute and is very enthusiastic for the future. She says, "I feel certain something must be done to arouse the uninterested women, and with the help of God will do what I can."

The clinging hands of the women of the Hartford Association still retain Mrs. H. L. Strong as their Secretary, though she would be released. A considerable increase in contributions and subscriptions to the "Helping Hand" bears abundant testimony to her well directed energy in the field.

Miss Fannie Twiss has added another year to her record of continuous service as Secretary of the New Haven Association. Her efficiency has been commended by her election as Connecticut Vice-President of the General Society. It has been the earnest hope of her numerous friends that she may soon be restored from the illness which necessitates her absence from this annual service for the first time in a term of years. She has written, "The Lord is more precious and His work, as the years come and go."

How New London Association would have fared without the watchful care of their esteemed Secretary, Mrs. Lester, it is difficult to conceive. Advancement in several directions has been made in this section and to their receipts has been added a generous legacy of \$500 from the late Mrs. J. C. Hyde. Mrs. Lester's motto for her circles is thus expressed, "More earnest labor, more liberal gifts, and above all more earnest prayer."

The first annual report of Miss Harriet Fish, Secretary of the Stonington Union Association is inspiring. Every church has been reached by either the senior or junior representative and the full amount of money apportionment has been obtained. Though sixth in order of arrangement, this field stands foremost in attainment.

Reference to our statistical leaflet shows little variation from the figures of last year. The disparity between the number of resident women and those manifesting interest in woman's work for foreign missions is far too wide. An individual effort to arouse but one other woman during the coming year might avail much to correct this condition.

Tested and approved methods still obtain as in former years. More than 500 circle meetings are reported, 175 of these alone assembling within the limits of the New Haven Association. A commendable number are using the United Course of Study of Missions. Others, greatly pleased with the new manual "Lux Christi" and the program prepared therefrom, will adopt it the coming season. The conference meetings have been well attended. A variety of interesting and instructive features have been introduced into their programs.

Upon one occasion the suggestion of holding but one session during the year (instead of two as at present) was rejected by a large majority, one lady remarking, "two days in a year are few enough to give to the consideration of mission work."

A woman's hour has been included in the program of each Associational meeting. One of these was occupied by our well-beloved Home Secretary, Mrs. Waterbury.

A year ago at New Britain a large audience heard with much pleasure Mrs. Safford's graphic word picture of her recent tour among our

mission fields. At the close of that service a number of mite boxes were distributed, whence resulted, it is believed, the large increase of gifts reported from the Hartford Association.

Our contributions seem still somewhat disproportionate to our resources, but our aim is rather to increase the number of contributors than the amount of individual donations.

Striving for the accomplishment of this purpose, we will place our trust upon our Lord and look forward to wider service and more blessed fruition in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) HELEN M. KENT, *State Secretary.*

October 14, 1902.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Names of Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Circles.	No. of Contributors.	No. of Helping Hand.	Amount Contributed.	No. Resident Women.
Ashford	Mrs. J. E. Burleson	15	10	240	119	\$427 81	841
Fairfield	Mrs. George Goulden	22	11	190	29	621 55	1896
Hartford	Mrs. H. L. Strong	31	13	487	179	853 19	2400
New Haven	Miss F. L. Twiss	25	31	893	265	1524 14	4082
New London	Mrs. S. A. Lester	23	10	318	152	1104 20	1805
Stonington Union.	Miss Harriet Fish	17	9	317	117	489 65	1425
		143	84	2445	861	\$5018 54	12452
	Last Year	139	99	2489	847	5097 34	13739

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Conference of Baptist Ministers of Connecticut.

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 13, 1902.

The Conference was called to order at 1.45 P. M., by President J. R. Stubbett.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. G. Hastings of Hartford.

A Nominating Committee was appointed by the President consisting of Brethren Hastings, Phelps, and Ward.

This Committee reported as follows:

President—Rev. J. R. STUBBERT, Putnam.

Clerk—Rev. G. C. SAUER, Norwich.

Directors.

Ashford Association,	Rev. E. A. BOWEN.
Fairfield “	Rev. W. H. BAWDEN.
Hartford “	Rev. HENRY CLARKE.
New Haven “	Rev. E. W. STONE.
New London “	Rev. J. C. HYDE.
Stonington Union Asso.,	Rev. J. W. PAYNE.

Trustees of Ministers' Home Society.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.,	Rev. J. R. Stubbett,
Rev. Geo. W. Nicholson,	A. J. Sloper.

The report was adopted, and the nominees elected.

The retiring clerk reported the following changes in the ministry of the state during the year:

Resignations, 14.

Changes within the state, 4.

New men entering the state, 13.

ORDINATIONS.

E. W. Darrow,	Sterling.
G. L. Chamberlain,	Eastford.

DEATHS.

Rev. B. F. Chapman,	Andover.
Rev. H. W. Wilson,	Old Mystic.
Rev. F. J. Parry, D.D.,	Waterbury.

The new pastors were introduced to the Conference by President Stubbett.

The first essay was read by Rev. H. M. Thompson of Hartford, on “Human Agency in the Church.” He was followed by Rev. J. B. Sears of Groton, who read an essay on “What is Christianity?”

Interesting remarks were made upon these papers by Dr. G. M. Stone and others.

Rev. H. M. Pogson, D.D., spoke earnestly for the Baptist Ministers' Home Society. An offering of \$16.51 was received for the Society.

It was *voted*, that in all the churches, wherever it is wise, an offering be received for the Ministers' Home Society at the Communion Service the first Sabbath of the year.

Rev. C. A. Reese represented the Newton Theological Institution.

A committee was appointed consisting of Rev. H. R. Traver, Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., and Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., to correspond with the National Baptist Evangelistic Committee of which Dr. McArthur is chairman, and to represent the Conference at the Baptist Anniversaries in May.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following report which was adopted:

First Essayist, Rev. G. H. Ferris, New Haven.

Alternate, Rev. E. E. Loux, Bridgeport.

Second Essayist, Rev. F. S. Bacon, Danielson.

Alternate, Rev. P. C. Wright, Norwich.

The Conference closed with prayer by Rev. Wm. D. McKinney of Ansonia.

Rev. J. R. STUBBERT, *Moderator*.

Rev. G. C. SAUER, *Clerk*.

BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION OF CONNECTICUT.

Organized in 1871.

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HON. FRED A. BETTS, New Haven,	JAMES NEWCOMB, New London,
A. J. SHIPLEY, Waterbury,	M. E. MORRIS, Bridgeport,
Hon. A. J. SLOPER, New Britain.	

Auditor.

JOHN L. DENISON, Hartford.

OBITUARY.

Blessings brighten as they depart, and inspired by the lives of our fellow laborers, we honor them by greater activity in the Master's service. Year by year our ranks are broken but new names are added to the list.

HON. J. G. BATTERSON of Hartford, signed the call for the first meeting of this Social Union, dated June 20, 1871. The others who signed this call were John M. Davies, Francis Wayland, H. M. Welch, George Alling, John N. Babcock, James Fairman and Isaac Anderson of New Haven; Jas. L. Howard, Isaac H. Bromley, Willis S. Bronson, Wareham Griswold, Albert Day, Gustavus F. Davis and Elisha N. Welch of Hartford; Joseph B. Hoyt, Stamford; Martin J. Sheldon, Suffield; L. Horatio Bigelow, South Norwalk; A. P. Plant, Plantsville; Wm. H. Potter, Mystic; H. H. Starkweather, Norwich.

He was one of those who assembled at the New Haven House, helped to form the Social Union and became a constituent member.

They declared the object to be the promotion of mutual acquaintance and fraternal feeling among the lay members of the Baptist churches of the state, the discussion of questions that involve the evangelizing of the people through the presentation of Jesus Christ as the only hope for man, and the only source of sound government as presented in the Bible, the Word of Life.

HON. J. W. MANNING of Putnam, was at the first meeting in June, 1871, was appointed as one of the committee of five to report a form of organization, and afterwards one of the first Board of Directors. In 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879 and 1880 was First Vice-President.

He believed that the layman's personal attention to church affairs was a duty that could not be done by proxy, and that one's influence was measured by his fidelity to religious principles. On all questions he sought to support the right, and the spirit of justice was conspicuous in all his dealings. He was a faithful attendant at the meetings of the Union, giving his wise counsels and support to every plan proposed for spiritual and financial success.

At his funeral the inhabitants of the city and town recognized the loss of a safe leader, while business was suspended and the mourners were found in all of the streets.

He gently fell asleep in Jesus, March 14, 1902.

HENRY R. WOOSTER of Deep River, proposed for membership by Hon. A. J. Sloper and elected at a meeting in Central Baptist Church, Norwich, October 17, 1894.

No appeal for help or encouragement was ever made to him in vain. He was a man of retiring disposition, widely known for his upright character, well grounded in religious knowledge, furnishing an example worthy of imitation.

He joined the church above, November 3, 1900. "The memory of the just shall live."

WILLIAM R. MORGAN of Hartford, was a member for more than twenty-five years, deeply interested in everything that pertained to the success of the Social Union and appreciated it as a factor in the denomination, not only in the state, but in all of the activities which enter our national life.

His heart and hand always responded to every call made necessary in advancing the objects of the denomination which was evidenced by the numerous benefactions made to the local church of which he was an active member for years.

The Master called him home, April 24, 1902.

JOHN LEDYARD DENISON,
ANDREW J. SLOPER,
PIERCE N. WELCH,

Committee.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The Annual Banquet for members, their guests, and friends, was given Wednesday evening, October 15, at 6.30 P. M., at the Armory of the Putnam Phalanx, Haynes street, Hartford.

Arrangements had been made for three hundred, and there were no vacant seats.

Grace was said by Dr. E. A. Woods of San Francisco. After a bright and pleasing introduction, President Nicholson, in order to re-assure any who might have lingering doubts in the matter, called upon Rev. Harold Pattison, pastor of the entertaining church, to repeat his welcome, which was done in a most cordial manner.

Then followed short addresses by Rev. C. A. Piddock, "The Message of a Retiring Administration," and Rev. Frank H. Divine, "Many Hopes and but Few Fears." The consecrated loyalty of these brethren was apparent and commended itself to their hearers.

The principal speaker was Rev. P. S. Henson, D.D., formerly of Chicago, now pastor of Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, and his timely topic was "Present Perils," those which beset the living church, not of the past but of this present day.

These perils are subtle: the materialistic age is with us, the old gods of the classic days are gone and there are none to do them reverence. Instead of these we have a number of little gods, called "the laws of nature;" in contemplating them the God of nature is forgotten. There is a cheerful optimism that believes things are not so bad, are going to be better, that evolution will shape things right anyhow. This free-and-easy sort of religion is sapping the life of the church and ruining its missionary enterprises.

There is however, no room or reason for pessimism. No pulpit or church has lost its power that had any to lose. Spurgeon, Moody or Gordon never lost their power, because they preached the truth in Christ as revealed by the Scriptures. In the recognition and avoidance of these "Perils" the church will yet enter upon its greatest work.

There were a number of pleasing selections by Deacon Hickman's Colored Baptist Quartette.

Adjourned at 9.45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK W. PAYNE, *Secretary*.

"It was a large gathering and there were two things that attracted on this occasion; the banquet and the address of Dr. P. S. Henson of Brooklyn. The latter was the stronger attractive force.

"Present Perils" was the suggestive theme. The perils specified were materialism, humanitarianism, a species of optimism and pessimism. It was a two-edged linguistic sword that was brought to bear on certain things that the speaker believes to be dangerous to the efficiency of the church and the welfare of men; and the audience seemed to believe with him."—*The Watchman*.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the Baptist Union of Connecticut was held at Hartford, October 13th and 14th.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., had charge of the devotional exercises. After singing, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," Rev. W. G. Thomas led in prayer, and Dr. Stone read a portion of John 17, and commented on it. After singing, "How Firm a Foundation," Rev. J. B. Connell led in prayer.

The Secretary's report made special mention of the Convention at Providence and the inspiration received there; and also to the state banner. The reports received from different societies give great encouragement.

Charles P. Walker presented his report as Treasurer.

Thirty societies have responded to the call of the National B. Y. P. U. to raise the debt, as well as to help the state work.

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Oct. 15	Balance on hand,	\$ 11 70
	National fund,	110 00
	State work,	38 01
	Convention badge,	3 00
	Convention collection,	7 36
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Oct. 13	Postage and printing,	\$ 11 56
	Convention speakers,	10 00
	National fund,	110 00
	Convention expenses,	5 38
	Traveling expenses,	3 50
	Balance on hand,	31 17
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							\$170 57

The report was accepted.

The President appointed the Committee on Nominations: Brethren Sears, Gates, Braker, Stone, and Thomas.

In his annual address President Wise referred to the three needs: a larger subscription list to the Baptist Union, more solidarity, and greater sympathy.

Hon. Carnot O. Spencer has given a state banner to be given to the society sending in the largest number of examination papers, and the President suggested that one person from each Association should be appointed on the Committee of Award, that the examination be upon the national basis, and that the newly appointed General Secretary, Rev. Walter Colby, be invited to address the societies in this state as early as possible.

The President read a message from the new General Secretary, Rev. Walter Colby. Special emphasis was placed upon the importance of systematic Bible-study, and the fact that the B. Y. P. U. is not antagonistic to denominational fellowship.

After a solo by a member of the choir, all joined in singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Brief reports of the work in each Association were presented.

Rev. J. R. Gow, President of the Massachusetts B. Y. P. U., delivered the address of the evening, taking for his theme, "An Old Task Under New Leadership."

It is the old task of training the young people for Christian service, and under the inspiration of the young people's movement, new means of instruction and helpful leaders have appeared.

An offering was received amounting to \$9.48. Rev. J. R. Gow pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Rev. G. D. Gould led the devotional exercises.

There were three addresses on "Bible Study."

"Bible Study and Baptist Union," Rev. C. I. Ramsey.

"Bible Study and Mid-week Service," Rev. P. C. Wright.

"Bible Study and Personal Work," Rev. G. C. Sauer.

Rev. L. B. Sears presented the report of the Nominating Committee:

President, Rev. H. E. WISE, Norwich.

First Vice-President, Rev. G. C. SAUER, Norwich.

Second Vice-President, Rev. ELMER E. LOUX, Bridgeport.

Secretary, ANDREW B. DAVIS, Norwich.

Treasurer, CHARLES P. WALKER, New Haven.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Nominating Committee deposit the ballot for the above officers; upon his doing so they were declared elected.

The Committee on Nomination, to whom were referred the recommendations of the President, agreed to present them to the Conference.

1. That from each of the Associations there shall be a representative on the Board.
2. That the awarding of the banner be upon the international basis, no church being permitted to receive the banner for more than two consecutive years.
3. That as early as possible the new General Secretary, Rev. Walter Colby, be invited to address different gatherings throughout the state.
4. That each society make an annual contribution of from one to five dollars toward the support of the General Secretary.

And if the suggestions be accepted, we would name as Board of Directors

Ashford,	Rev. E. A. BOWEN.
Fairfield,	Rev. E. E. LOUX.
Hartford,	Rev. S. G. HASTINGS.
New Haven,	JOHN SHEPHERD.
New London,	Rev. C. F. ELDREDGE.
Stonington Union,	ALVAH B. CONE.

The suggestions were accepted and the above Board of Directors were elected.

After repeating in concert the Twenty-third Psalm, it was voted to adjourn.

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

President.

Rev G. M. STONE, D.D., Hartford.

Vice-Presidents.

Rev. GEORGE H. FERRIS, New Haven. Rev. J. A. ELDER, New London.

Secretary.

Rev. E. C. SAGE, Ph.D., New Haven.

Treasurer.

E. B. BOYNTON, Hartford.

Auditor.

THOMAS SISSON, Hartford.

Trustees.

Rev. H. M. THOMPSON, Hartford, Rev. J. H. STRONG, New Britain,
 Prof. H. L. THOMPSON, Suffield, J. W. LAMB, Hartford,
 Rev. F. G. MCKEEVER, New London.

Trustees of Suffield Academy.

Term Expires 1903.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford,	F. W. Payne, Hartford,
Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., N. Haven,	Edward Miller, Sr., Meriden,
M. T. Newton, M.D., Suffield,	Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D.D.,
H. W. Erving, Hartford,	Providence, R. I.,
F. C. Rockwell, Hartford,	Hon. R. P. Wilbur, Mystic,
Luthur Glazier, Hartford,	Rev. J. S. Lyon, Holyoke, Mass.

Term Expires 1904.

Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Meriden,	Hon. A. J. Sloper, New Britain,
Alfred Spencer, Jr., Hartford,	Pierce N. Welch, New Haven,
Prof. Wm. L. Phelps, Ph.D.,	Wm. A. Kelsey, Meriden,
New Haven,	G.M. Montgomery, Windsor Locks.

Term Expires 1905.

Rev. C. A. Piddock, Hartford,	Charles L. Spencer, Suffield,
Thaddeus H. Spencer, Suffield,	E. V. Preston, Hartford,
M. M. Johnson, M.D., Hartford,	Charles C. Bissell, Suffield,
Hon. Jas. L. Howard, Hartford,	T. Henry Spencer, Holyoke, Mass.
M. H. Smith, Ph.D., Suffield,	Rev. O.O. Fletcher, D.D., Suffield.

CHARTER.

Passed May, 1820.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened.* That Asahel Morse, Caleb Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jesse Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnell, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Asahel Otis, Jonathan Goodwin, Jr., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge, Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley and their associates, be, and they are hereby formed into, constituted, and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society*," and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of whatever nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications, and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place, and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations which said society may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns to promote and secure the essential objects of said Society, as expressed in their Constitution—not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 3. The first meeting of said Society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1821.

SEC. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be known by the name of "The Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART. 3. This Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the Society five dollars annually, shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates. The payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

ART. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by the amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this state.

ART. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property, to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society, and at every annual meeting of the Society, they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of the same quarterly to said committee, and annually to the Society. The Auditor shall examine annually, or oftener, the accounts and securities of the Treasurer, and certify the same.

ART. 8. The Executive Committee shall, annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members, who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

ART. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

ART. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and its commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall, furthermore, be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. No person shall be aided by this Society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and, voluntarily failing to enter the ministry, or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money, with interest, he has received from the Society.

ART. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

ART. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

N. B. — The amendment alluded to in Art. 5 is the amendment to the Charter of the Connecticut Literary Institution, approved July 9, 1862, which reads: "That the Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than twenty-one (21), nor more than thirty-three (33), members, to be chosen for three (3) years, one-third of the number annually, by the Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

Notice.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society, will please send direct to Mr. E. B. Boynton, 902 Main street, Hartford.

All communications for the Board, or applications for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., 785 Orange street, New Haven.

THE EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING
OF THE
Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

HARTFORD, Oct. 15, 1902.

The eighty-third annual meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Education Society was held in Hartford, Conn., October 15, 1902, at 10 A. M., the President, Rev. George M. Stone, D.D., of Hartford, presiding.

After the devotional service Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., Secretary, was reported as ill, whereupon J. H. Crossley of Bridgeport, was elected Secretary, pro tem.

The annual address was delivered by the President.

The following were appointed a Committee on Nomination of Officers and Trustees of the Society:

Rev. F. G. McKeever, New London; M. H. Smith, Suffield; Rev. Geo. D. Gould, Rockville.

Committee on Enrollment — Rev. C. N. Nichols, Andover; Rev. D. W. Phelps, New Haven; Rev. H. R. Traver, West Hartford.

Committee on Nomination of Trustees of Suffield Academy — Rev. W. D. McKinney, Ansonia; Prof. H. M. Thompson, Hartford; Rev. George H. Ferris, New Haven.

It was voted to accept the report of Secretary Sage without reading, and that the same be printed with the Minutes.

The report of E. B. Boynton, Treasurer, was read and accepted. Under the direction of J. L. Denison of Hartford, sufficient funds were raised at this session to cover the deficit reported.

The report of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees for the Suffield Academy, was presented and accepted, and the following were nominated and elected as Trustees for three years:

Charles A. Piddock, Thaddeus H. Spencer, M. M. Johnson, James L. Howard, M. H. Smith, Charles L. Spencer, E. V. Preston, C. C. Bissell, T. Henry Spencer, O. O. Fletcher.

A most interesting and profitable address was delivered by Rev. John H. Strong of New Britain, subject, "Interpreting the World."

The Committee on Nominations reported the following who were unanimously elected:

President, Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford.

First Vice-President, Rev. George H. Ferris, N. Haven.

Second Vice-President, Rev. J. A. Elder, New London.

Secretary, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., New Haven.

Treasurer, E. B. Boynton, Hartford.

Auditor, Thomas Sisson, Hartford.

Nominations for Trustees of the society for one year were as follows:

Rev. H. M. Thompson, Hartford; Prof. H. L. Thompson, Suffield; Rev. J. H. Strong, New Britain, J. W. Lamb, Hartford; Rev. F. G. McKeever, New London.

A motion was made that the chairman of the Committee cast one ballot for these nominees. The motion was carried, the ballot cast, and the nominees for trustees declared elected.

Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., of Suffield, spoke in behalf of Suffield Academy.

"Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung as the closing hymn, and the session adjourned at 12.20.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The year has been uneventful. The same round of duties,—correspondence with churches and with students, quarterly meetings of the Board, visitation of the Associations, occasional addresses at churches,—has filled up the measure of our labor of love in the cause of ministerial education.

It is no small responsibility or honor to hold in one's hand the power to continue the educational life of a young man who has been called to preach the Gospel. To discontinue aid to some of the young men now under our care, would result in the termination of their course of college training. That would mean a certain unfitness for the work of the ministry. This unfitness would mean failure to serve successfully the churches. Ultimately, then, the object of this Society is to benefit the churches themselves through the young men who are soon to become pastors.

As the Education Society labors indirectly but surely and efficiently in aiding the churches, it is also the close ally of the schools. Educational institutions need men. "Send us students" is the call of the schools of every grade. The Connecticut Education Society responds to this call by furnishing a group of most worthy and promising young men upon whom our schools may put the stamp of higher culture.

Moreover the Education Society is the ally of all the missionary organizations of the denomination. Foremost in the ranks of the enthusiastic supporters of world-wide evangelization are the college-trained pastors whose opportunities for education have given to them broad views of the Kingdom of God, and strong sympathies with the numerous types of evangelical effort. By word and by life our young men are giving themselves to the heroic task of the world's salvation.

Therefore, the Education Society appeals to the Baptists of this state for generous support, not primarily for the sake of a few young men, worthy as they may be; but for the sake of our schools, founded and maintained at such cost, for the sake of our churches, which need trained leaders, for the sake of our denominational missionary agencies, whose success lies largely with right-minded pastors, above all for the sake of Him who is the world's Light, let us endeavor to provide a well-qualified ministry. For the best reflection of that Light there is need of polished mirrors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 14, 1902.

E. B. BOYNTON, Treasurer,

in account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October 16, 1901,	\$850 30
Contributions from churches and individuals,	804 51
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Total,	\$1,654 81

EXPENDITURES.

Appropriations,	\$922 00
Minutes for 1901,	26 00
Expenses,	2 70
Balance in bank,	704 11
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Total,	\$1,654 81

STATEMENT.

Bequest (Alfred Francis, Wethersfield, Conn.),	\$1,000 00
Deficit,	295 89
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The above report has been examined, the orders of the Secretary and the receipts carefully compared and found to be correct.

THOMAS SISSON, *Auditor.*

Hartford, October 14, 1902.

1902.			
Sept. 2.	East Wash. Ave. Church, Bridgeport,	\$10 39	
3.	Second Church, Waterford,	94	
5.	Calvary Church, Torrington,	5 00	
9.	" " New Haven,	12 25	
9.	North Lyme Church,	5 00	
16.	Warrenville Christian Endeavor Society,	1 80	
29.	First Church, Stamford,	27 09	
30.	Central Church, Norwich,	50 00	
Oct. 3.	Deep River Church,	9 87	
7.	Asylum Ave. Church, Hartford,	50 00	
8.	First Church, Hartford,	85 00	
10.	Rev. Geo. M. Stone, special pledge,	10 00	

 \$1,654 81

EXPENDITURES.

1901.			
Nov. 11.	Appropriation No. 1211, I. H. Benedict,	\$31 25	
	" 1212, B. C. Bugbee,	25 00	
	" 1213, R. B. Longwell,	31 25	
	" 1214, Chas. L. Owens,	20 00	
	" 1215, R. H. Tibbals,	31 25	
	" 1216, M. J. Twomey,	20 00	
	" 1217, U. S. Envelope Co.,	90	
	" 1218, Rev. E. C. Sage,	7 00	
30.	" 1219, Clyde R. Smith,	25 00	
	" 1220, G. E. Lamphere,	25 00	
	" 1221, A. H. Stanton,	20 00	
Dec. 9.	" 1222, C. F. Fields,	20 00	
1902.			
Jan. 15.	" 1223, I. H. Benedict,	31 25	
	" 1224, B. C. Bugbee,	25 00	
	" 1225, C. F. Fields,	20 00	
	" 1226, G. E. Lamphere,	25 00	
	" 1227, R. B. Longwell,	31 25	
	" 1228, C. L. Owens,	20 00	
	" 1229, Clyde R. Smith,	25 00	
	" 1230, A. H. Stanton,	20 00	
	" 1231, R. H. Tibbals,	31 25	
	" 1232, M. J. Twomey,	20 00	
18.	" 1233, P. S. Evans,	26 00	
Apr. 9.	" 1234, I. H. Benedict,	31 25	
	" 1235, B. C. Bugbee,	25 00	
	" 1236, G. E. Lamphere,	25 00	

1902.			
Apr. 9.	Appropriation No. 1237, R. B. Longwell,	\$31 25	
	" 1238, Chas. L. Owens,	20 00	
	" 1239, C. R. Smith,	25 00	
	" 1240, A. H. Stanton,	20 00	
	" 1241, R. H. Tibbals,	31 25	
	" 1242, M. J. Twomey,	20 00	
July 10.	" 1243, I. H. Benedict,	31 25	
	" 1244, B. C. Bugbee,	25 00	
	" 1245, R. B. Longwell,	31 25	
	" 1246, C. R. Smith,	25 00	
	" 1247, M. J. Twomey,	20 00	
22.	" 1248, R. H. Tibbals,	31 25	
Sept. 22.	" 1249, G. E. Lamphere,	25 00	
Oct. 7.	E. B. Boynton, Treas., postage,	1 80	

 \$950 70

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Education Society

BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

Adams, Rev. R. J.
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 Atwood, Elunathan
 Ambler, Annie M.
 Ambler, James L.
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 Andrews, Isaac
 Asby, Edward
 Bartlett, Matthew J.
 Bates, James N.
 Beach, Theodore B.
 Beaumont, J.
 Beers, George S.
 Birdsey, Linus
 Birdsey, R. C.
 Bond, Rev. J. E.
 Broomley, Isaac H.
 Bronson, Frank S.
 Brotherton, Cyrus C.
 Brown, Rev. J. P.
 Brown, L. R.
 Buttrick, Rev. W. H.
 Campbell, Miss Mary
 Canfield, Charles
 Chandler, George P.
 Chapman, Silas, Jr.
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 Clark, Mrs. Jane A.
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 Crandall, Mrs. Mary S.
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 Ewing, W. A.
 Fennell, Rev. W. G.
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 Fitch, Dr. J. C.
 Fitch, Mrs. J. C.

Freeman, Rev. A. L.
 French, David
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 Ives, Rev. Sumner A.
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 Ives, Mrs. Wealthy S.
 James, Rev. J. S.
 Johnson, Rev. Cyrus A.
 Judd, W. S.
 Kelly, J. V. D.
 Keyes, William
 Kneeland, Rev. F. W.
 Kneeland, Mrs. F. W.
 Lathrop, Rev. Edward
 Ludlow, Elizabeth
 Ludlow, Mary
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 Mason, Rev. A. F.
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 Miller, Edward
 Miller, Benjamin L.
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 Morris, D. E.
 Morse, Rev. B. S.
 Morse, H. J.
 Mosley, E. W.
 Munyan, Chester G.
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Neale, Stephen Douglas
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 Nordell, Spaulding
 Ostrander, Mrs. Sarah J.
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 Phelps, William L.
 Phelps, Dryden Linsley
 Pickett, Dea. William
 Plant, Alfred
 Plant, William
 Poteat, Rev. E. M.
 Potter, Rev. C. W.
 Potter, Rev. L. L.
 Post, Julius P.
 Pratt, Horace H.
 Preston, Edward V.
 Preston, S. T.
 Prior, Chas. Edward
 Prowitt, Charles S.
 Prowitt, J. T.
 Ray, Rev. C. W.
 Reid, Mrs. Williams
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 Richardson, Rev. J. W.
 Robbins, William H.
 Robinson, S. A.
 Robinson, Elizabeth
 Sage, Rev. E. C., Ph.D.
 Saunders, H. H.
 Setchell, Charles F.
 Sexton, George
 Shelly, Russell T.
 Sherwood, Mrs. T.
 Shipley, Dea. A. J.
 Sibley, I. S.
 Silliman, Dea. Ezra
 Sisson, Thomas
 Slate, Daniel L.
 Slater, Rev. F. A.
 Sloper, A. J.
 Smith, M. H.

Smith, Rev. Leonard
 Spencer, Carnot O.
 Spencer, Dea. J.
 Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
 Southworth, Levi B.
 Stevens, W. B.
 Stevens, Dr. B. H.
 Steward, Mrs. Matilda
 Stidham, Rev. I. F., Ph.D.
 Stone, Rev. G. M., D.D.
 Strickland, James L.
 Stubbert, Mrs. Emma S.
 Sullivan, W. H.
 Taylor, Rev. J. A.
 Terrell, Edward

Thompson, Rev. H. M.
 Thompson, Mrs. H. M.
 Thompson, A. M.
 Thompson, D. W.
 Tuller, G. W.
 Turner, Peter C.
 Turner, Mrs. Peter C.
 Turner, Rev. R. E.
 Twiss, Waldo C.
 Vaun, Samuel A.
 Walker, W. F.
 Wallace, James A.
 Ward, N.
 Wayland, Hon. F.
 Weller, Samuel

West, L. M.
 West, Rev. W. Ward
 White, Abijah
 White, Mrs. Abigail
 White, J. W.
 Whitford, H. G.
 Wightman, J. E.
 Wightman, Rev. P. G.
 Wilbur, R. P.
 Wilcox, E. H.
 Williams, Hon. D. J.
 Williams, James A.
 Wilson, Rev. Cable
 Wilson, Rev. C. B.

APPLICATION FOR AID.

When a young man applies for aid he is required to present a letter from his church, in substance, as follows:

This certifies that Mr. _____ is a regular member of the _____ Baptist Church in this town; that he sustains a good moral and religious character; that in the judgment of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry; and that he possesses talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in his sacred work. He is therefore recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the _____ Baptist Church in

Clerk.

Pastor.

This certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the clerk and pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.

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BAPTIST STATISTICS FOR UNITED STATES.

Churches, 44,453; Baptisms in 1902, 207,315; Total Membership, 4,269,063; Contributions in 1902, \$3,056,748; Church Expenses in 1902, \$11,606,380.

Theological Schools, 9; Students, 1,018; Property and Endowment, \$3,946,514.

Universities and Colleges, 103; Students, 28,620; Property and Endowment, \$36,274,547.

Academies and Seminaries, 91; Students, 12,967; Property and Endowment, \$5,224,137.

Value of church property, \$89,889,902. Total value of property owned and controlled by the Baptists of the United States for religious and educational purposes, \$135,335,090.

WHERE TO SEND MONEY FOR MISSIONS.

<i>State Missions,</i>	Mr. W. F. Walker, New Britain, Conn.
<i>Foreign Missions,</i>	Mr. E. P. Coleman, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
<i>Woman's Foreign Missions,</i>	Miss Alice E. Stedman, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
<i>Home Missions,</i>	Rev. F. T. Hazlewood, D.D., Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
<i>Woman's Home Missions,</i>	Miss Gertrude L. Davis, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
<i>Publication Society,</i>	Rev. Chas. H. Spalding, 256 Washing- ton Street, Boston, Mass.
<i>Baptist Ministers' Home,</i>	Rev. M. H. Pogson, D.D., West Farms, New York, N. Y.
<i>Connecticut Baptist Education Society,</i>	Mr. E. B. Boynton, Hartford, Conn., 902 Main Street.